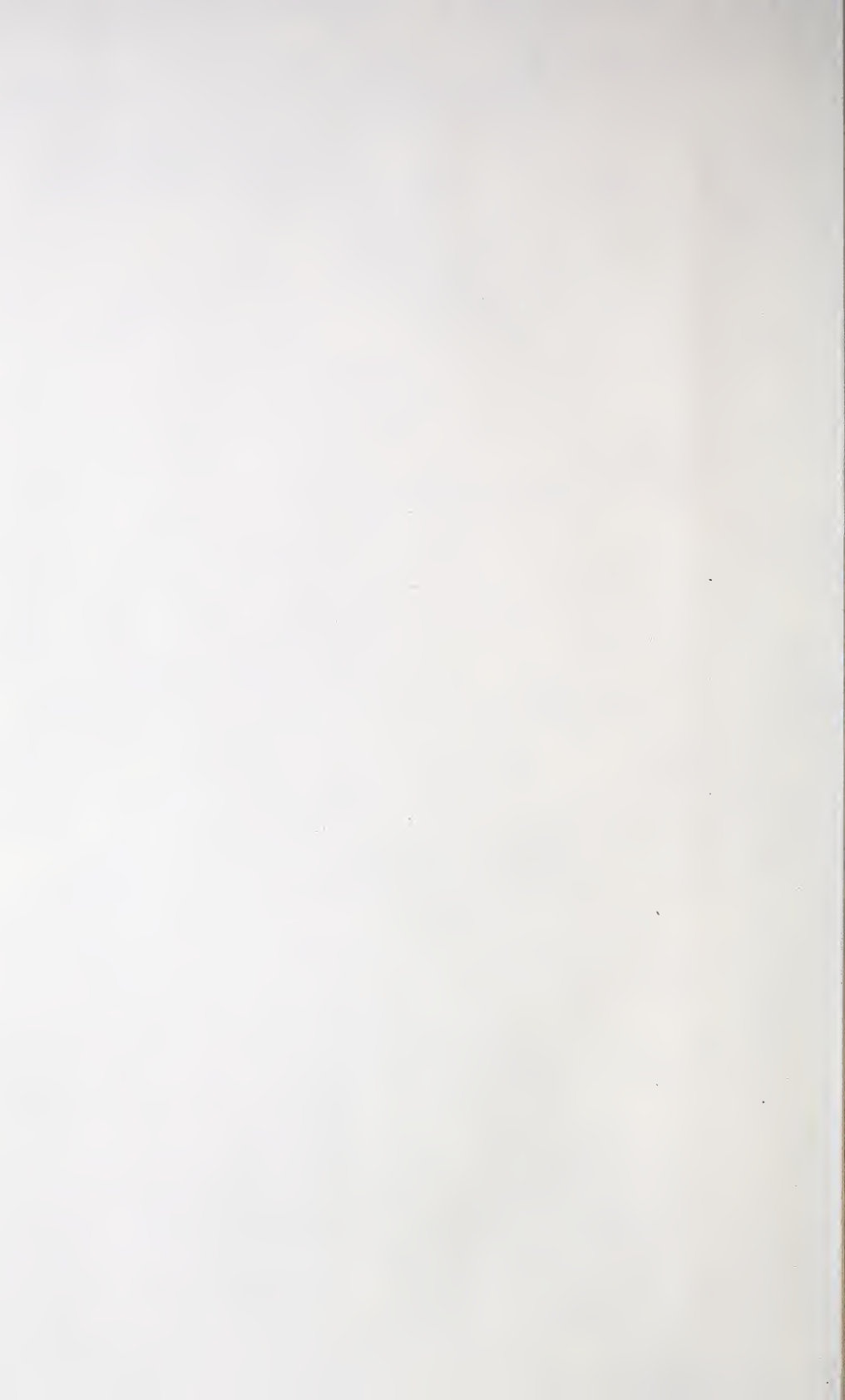






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**NORTHFIELD**  
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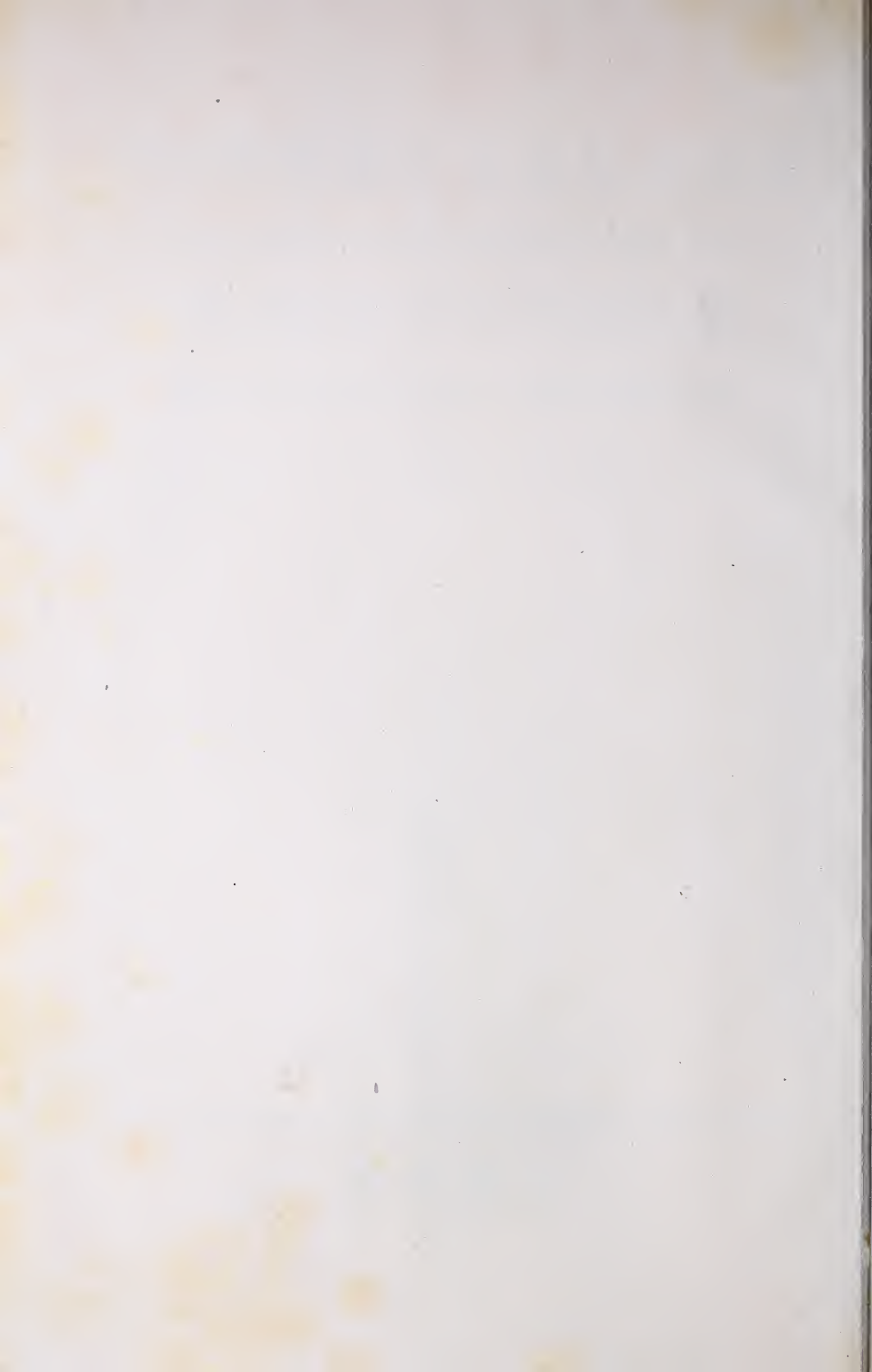
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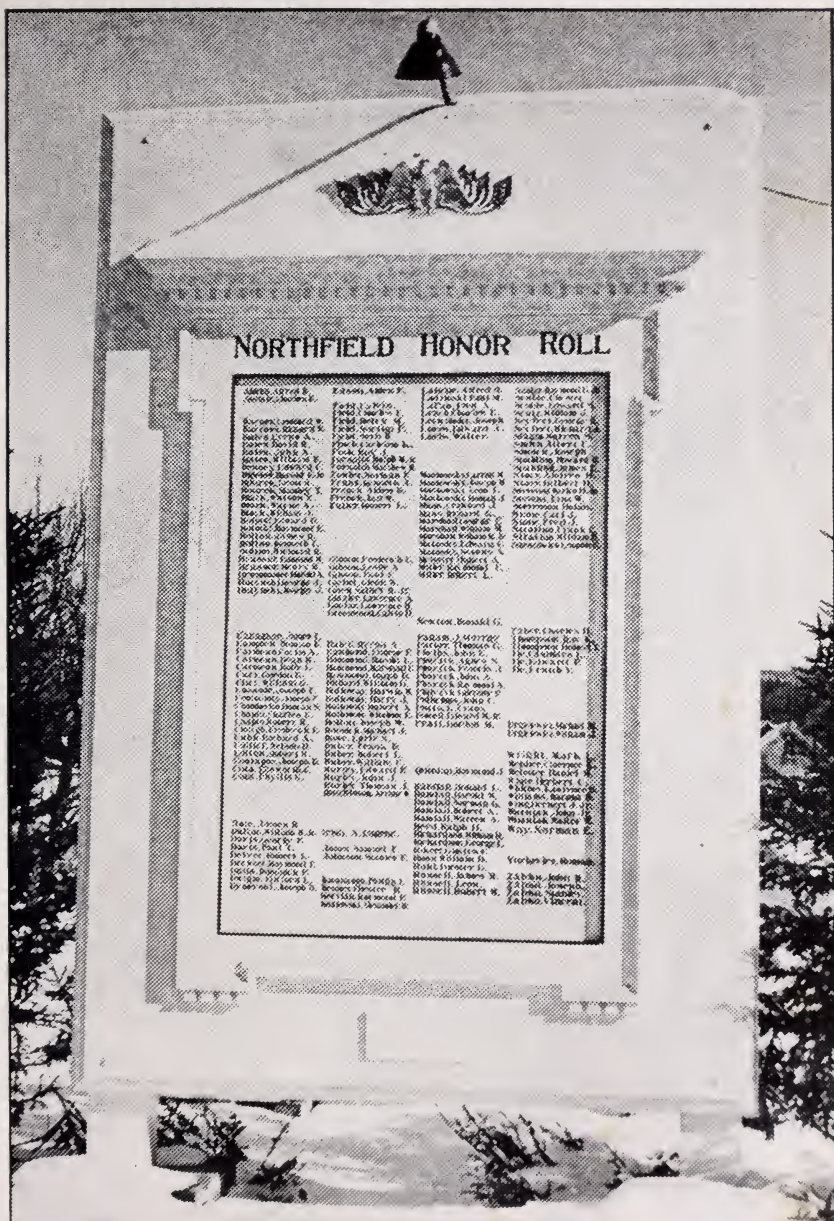
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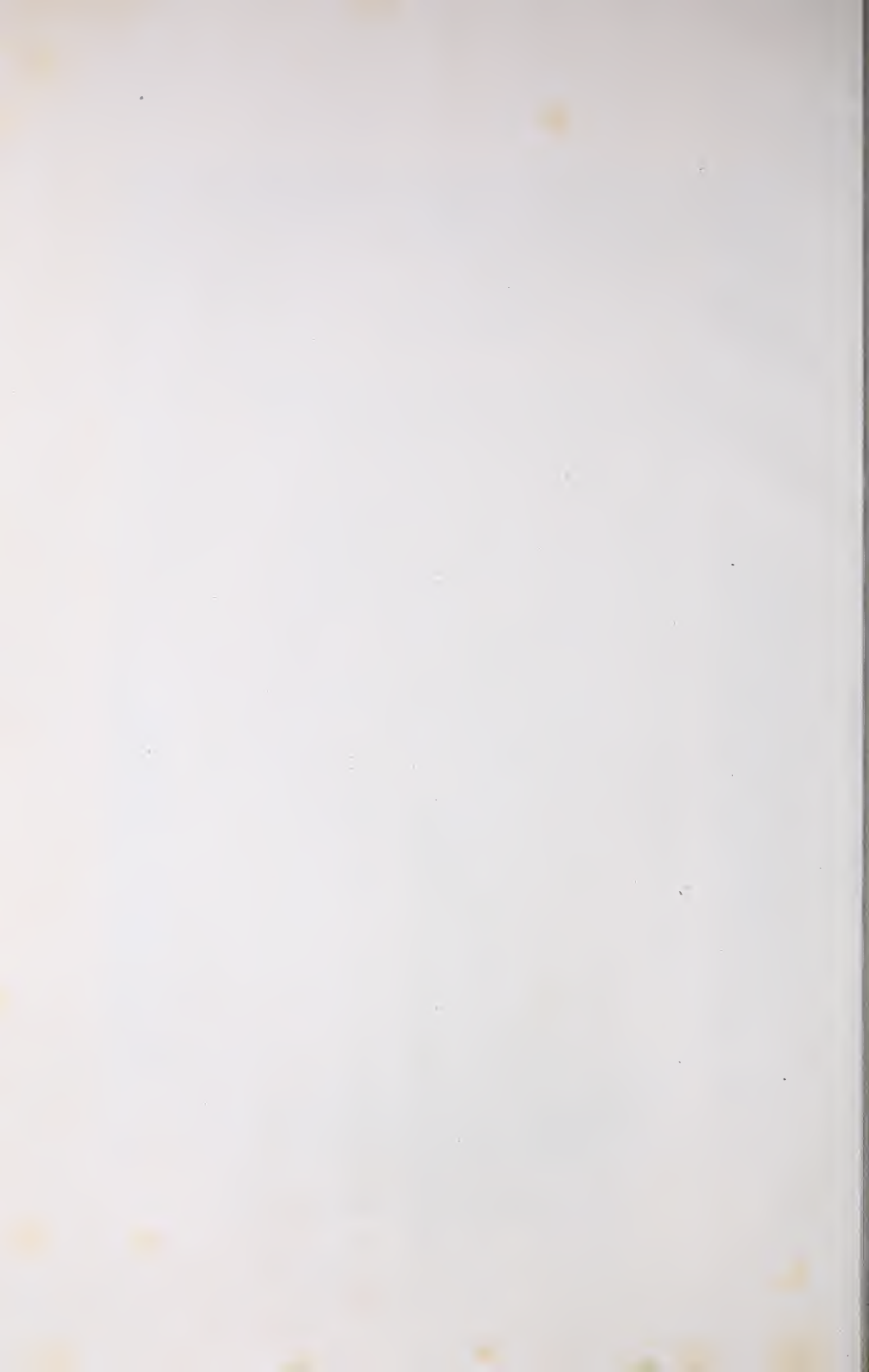
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## The Northfield Honor Roll



## **Town Officers**

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### **Moderator**

William F. Hoehn

### **Town Clerk**

Josephine S. Haskell

### **Treasurer**

Charles F. Slate

### **Selectmen**

Fred A. Holton, Chairman

George W. Carr

F. Myron Dunnell

### **Assessors**

Ernest A. Parker

Term expires 1945

Fred S. Merrifield

Term expires 1946

Clifford A. Field

Term expires 1947

### **Tax Collector**

Charles F. Slate

### **School Committee**

Dorothy L. Miller

Term expires 1945

Sidney H. Given

Term expires 1946

Irving J. Lawrence

Term expires 1947

### **Library Trustees**

Horace H. Morse

Term expires 1945

C. Ina Merriman

Term expires 1945

Robert B. Jack

Term expires 1945

Mary G. Parker

Term expires 1946

Mercy A. Brann

Term expires 1947

Joseph W. Field

Term expires 1947

### **Cemetery Commissioners**

Joseph J. Bartus

Term expires 1945

Carlton W. Holton

Term expires 1946

George N. Kidder

Term expires 1947

### **Tree Warden**

Dean Williams

**Constables**

Murray M. Hammond  
Herman A. Miner

Harry M. Haskell  
Martin E. Vorce

**Accountant**

Fred H. Doolittle

**Chief Fire Department**

Charles L. Johnson

**Superintendent of Roads**

Ralph V. Gibson

**Gypsy Moth Agent**

Frank W. Anderson

**Forest Fire Warden**

Charles L. Johnson

**Deputy Forest Fire Wardens**

Hermon Fisher  
Edward C. Bolton  
Charles L. Gilbert  
Fred Blanchard

Carlton Holton  
Clifford L. Bolton  
George Barlow  
James E. Dresser

**Public Weighers**

George O. Dunnell  
Clarence H. Spaulding  
Richard W. Borrows

F. Myron Dunnell  
Fred B. Kelly  
Joseph Bilmon

**Inspection, Meat, Provisions and Slaughtering**

Horace W. Bolton

**Sealer of Weights and Measures**

Dean W. Williams

**Cattle Inspector**

Arthur H. Bolton

**Fence Viewers**

Luckey O. Clapp

Edward M. Morgan

**Surveyors Wood and Timber**

James E. Dresser

Fred I. Bolton

**Field Drivers**

The Constables

**Pound Keeper**

Rev. George A. Bronson

**Dog Officer**

Frank W. Anderson



### **Registrars of Voters**

Harry L. Gingras      Charles L. Gilbert      Charles L. Johnson

### **Finance Committee**

Frank W. Williams	Term expires 1945
A. Gordon Moody	Term expires 1945
C. Percy Goodspeed	Term expires 1946
Ross L. Spencer	Term expires 1946
Helen E McNeil	Term expires 1947
Richard G. Holton	Term expires 1947

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## **REPORT OF THE Board of Selectmen**

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The Selectmen of Northfield offer the Town Report as a record of activities during the year 1944, and respectfully urge our citizens to examine the same carefully.

The various departments, committees and officials have performed their work in a satisfactory manner and the town is in a good financial condition. We want to thank all those who have helped, when called upon to do so, in the performance of tasks in behalf of the entire community. We commend the patriotic devotion of our people and extend congratulations for their successes in war drives, campaigns, and all other war efforts requested by our government.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED A. HOLTON, Chairman  
GEORGE W. CARR  
F. MYRON DUNNELL

# Treasurer's Report of Trust Funds

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## Edward D. Priest and Others—West Northfield Cemetery Fund

	Savings Deposits	Securities	Total
On hand January 1, 1944	\$ 3,170.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 7,170.00
On hand December 31, 1944	3,170.00	4,000.00	7,170.00
Receipts of interest			233.71

## J. W. Cowles Center Cemetery Fund

	Savings Deposits	Total
On hand January 1, 1944	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
On hand December 31, 1944	2,000.00	2,000.00
Receipts of interest		40.20

## Calvin Stearns Center Cemetery Fund

	Savings Deposits	Total
On hand January 1, 1944	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
On hand December 31, 1944	500.00	500.00
Receipts of interest		10.05

## Belcher Center School Fund

	Savings Deposits	Securities	Total
On hand January 1, 1944	\$ 1,050.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 1,250.00
On hand December 31, 1944	1,050.00	200.00	1,250.00
Receipts of interest			25.93

## Belcher Center Cemetery Fund

	Savings Deposits	Securities	Total
On hand January 1, 1944	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
On hand December 31, 1944	\$ 1,000.00	1,000.00	2,000.00
Receipts of interest			20.10

## Lottie Evans Charity Fund

	Savings Deposits	Total
On hand January 1, 1944	\$ 697.64	
Interest 1944	14.01	\$ 711.65

## George F. Morgan Charity Fund

	Savings Deposits	Total
On hand January 1, 1944	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
On hand December 31, 1944	3,000.00	3,000.00
Receipts of interest		60.30

### Surplus Revenue School Fund

	Savings	Deposits	Total
On hand January 1, 1944		\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,600.00
On hand December 31, 1944		1,600.00	1,600.00
Receipts of interest			32.16

### Belcher Library Fund

	Savings		
	Deposits	Securities	Total
On hand January 1, 1944	\$ 9,439.01	\$ 300.00	\$ 9,739.01
On hand December 31, 1944	9,439.01	300.00	9,739.01
Receipts of interest			196.76

### Charles P. Dickinson Library Book Fund

	Savings	Deposits	Total
On hand January 1, 1944		\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
On hand December 31, 1944		3,000.00	3,000.00
Receipts of interest			60.30

### Post-War Rehabilitation Fund

#### Chapter 5 Acts of 1943

	Cash	Securities	Total
On hand January 1, 1944	none	none	none
On hand December 31, 1944	\$ 154.53	\$10,000.00	\$10,154.53
Town Appropriation		\$10,000.00	
Income 1944		154.53	
		<hr/>	\$10,154.53
Securities Purchased		\$10,000.00	
Cash in General Treasury, December 31, 1944		154.53	
		<hr/>	\$10,154.53

### Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds

On hand January 1, 1944	\$10,114.75	\$10,114.75
On hand December 31, 1944	10,464.75	10,464.75
Receipts of Interest	\$ 203.65	
Receipts of Bequests	350.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 553.65
Deposited in Savings Banks	\$ 350.00	
Interest Transferred to Town	203.65	
	<hr/>	\$ 553.65

## LIST OF CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS

Center Cemetery		Johnson Fund	
Augustus W. Holton	\$100.00	Alvin Long	123.06
Carpenter Winchester	100.00	M. Benus and Otis Field	50.00
Thomas R. Callender	50.00	Charles Blackmer	50.00
John E. Nye	100.00	George R. Stebbins	50.00
Clinton A. Ware	150.00	Charles Stebbins	100.00
George Hastings and		Walter D. Crane	100.00
Dr. Stratton White	100.00	Harvey J. Evans	50.00
Hezekiah and Elizabeth		Dorothy P. Bruce	150.00
Stratton	80.00	John F. Rice	100.00
Hezekiah and Mollie Stratton	80.00		
Rufus and Asenath Stratton	80.00	Mount Hermon Cemetery	
Sherman Nye Bartlett	100.00	L. L. Drury	100.00
Louis F. Bartlett	100.00	Henry F. Cutler	100.00
Charles Osgood	300.00	Horace F. Holton	100.00
Edward B. Stearns	50.00		
B. F. Field and Charles		South Mountain Cemetery	
Pomeroy	100.00	Alice J. Bigelow	100.00
William R. Moody	100.00		
Mrs. Norman MacGaffin	50.00	West Northfield Cemetery	
Clara B. Torrey	100.00	George W. Snow	200.00
Herbert E. Robbins	200.00	Henry M. Yerrington	100.00
Samuel E. Walker	200.00		
J. I. Greenleaf	300.00	Northfield Farms Cemetery	
M. Margaret Laird	100.00	Ada E. Chamberlain and	
William H. Phelps	200.00	Sarah Morgan	75.00
Rose A. Holton	100.00	M. Maria Foss	200.00
C. D. Merriam and C. Hiliard	300.00	Marcellus D. Stratton	100.00
Sarah Jane Whithead	50.00	Elisa Groves	51.69
Elizabeth M. Purple	200.00	Elvira A. Morgan	50.00
Jessamine W. Polhemus	100.00	Samuel A. Holton	200.00
Andrew and Arthur Lyman	400.00	Elisha and Elihue Stratton	200.00
J. Wesley Mann	100.00	Ernest C. Field	100.00
Lewis Fowler	50.00	Asahel and Alner Sawyer	100.00
Bessie Severance	100.00	William H. Stratton	100.00
Adeline W. Moody	100.00	Larkin Fisher and Frank	
Charles Alexander	200.00	and Lucy Ross	50.00
A. M. D. Alexander	300.00	James and William Merriam	100.00
James White	100.00	Henry W. Montague	200.00
Katherine Gaeng	100.00	Mary A. Stratton	100.00
Elijar Belding	125.00	Inez E. Holton	50.00
Elijar E. Belding	100.00	George M. Chamberlain	75.00
Lucy M. Webster	500.00	Charles C. Morgan	100.00
Augustus L. Day	100.00	LeRoy Weatherhead	75.00
Isaac Cook and Wright		Oscar and Frank V. Wood	50.00
Stratton	100.00	Rufus Stratton and Oren	
John L. Mattoon	100.00	Darling	150.00
Levi Fay	150.00	Brigham Gage and David	
Sarah E. Minot	150.00	Clows	100.00
James Pickard	100.00	Samuel Pratt	25.00
Mary L. Wright	125.00	Retta R. Barrett	100.00
		Fred W. Ruggles	100.00



# Report of Tax Collector

## Taxes 1942

Outstanding January 1, 1944	\$ 6,345.75	
Unlocated difference	.08	
	<hr/>	\$ 6,345.83
Payments to Treasurer	\$ 6,210.93	
Abatements	22.80	
Tax titles taken	57.00	
Outstanding December 31, 1944	55.10	
	<hr/>	\$ 6,345.83

## Taxes 1943

Outstanding January 1, 1944	\$12,174.05	
Cash on hand	3.00	
Abatement after payment refunded	3.60	
	<hr/>	\$12,180.65
Payments to Treasurer	\$ 7,102.33	
Abatements	9.40	
Tax titles taken	55.98	
Outstanding December 31, 1944	5,012.94	
	<hr/>	\$12,180.65

## Taxes 1944

Commitments per warrants	\$67,613.70	
Additional commitments	12.00	
Abatements after payment refunded	49.55	
	<hr/>	\$67,675.25
Payments to Treasurer	\$55,862.88	
Abatements	1,045.39	
Added to tax titles	185.74	
Outstanding December 31, 1944	10,581.24	
	<hr/>	\$67,675.25

## Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes 1943

Outstanding January 1, 1944	\$ 88.90	
Additional commitment per warrant	6.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 94.90
Payments to Treasurer	\$ 91.24	
Abatements	3.66	
	<hr/>	\$ 94.90

## Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes 1944

Commitments per warrants	\$ 2,721.78	
Abatement after payment refunded	2.13	
		\$ 2,723.91
Payments to Treasurer	\$ 2,504.40	
Abatements	41.06	
Outstanding December 31, 1944	178.45	
		\$ 2,723.91

## Interest and Costs on Taxes

### Collections of 1944 Interest:

Levy of 1942	\$ 436.88	
Levy of 1943	172.70	
Levy of 1944	23.39	
		\$ 632.97

### Motor Vehicle Excise Interest:

Levy of 1943	\$ 1.02	
Levy of 1944	1.34	
		\$ 2.36

### Costs of Taxes:

Levy of 1942	\$ 16.40	
Levy of 1943	10.65	
Levy of 1944	4.90	
		\$ 31.95

### Costs of Motor Vehicle Excise:

Levy of 1943	\$ 8.00	\$ 8.00
		\$ 675.28

### Payments to Treasurer 1944:

Interest	\$ 635.33	
Costs	39.95	
		\$ 675.28

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES F. SLATE, Collector of Taxes.

## Report of Town Treasurer

Balance January 1, 1944	\$ 52,101.49	
Receipts 1944	140,819.42	
		\$192,920.91
Payments 1944 per warrants	\$143,751.80	
Cemetery Funds deposited per warrants	350.00	
Cash on hand December 31, 1944	1,539.38	
Franklin County Trust Co.	47,279.73	
		\$192,920.91

## Franklin County Trust Co. of Greenfield

Balance December 31, 1944 per statement	\$ 55,498.24	
Outstanding checks December 31, 1944 per list	\$ 8,218.51	
Balance December 31, 1944 per check book	47,279.73	
		\$ 55,498.24

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES F. SLATE, Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE  
**Town Accountant**

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In compliance with the provisions of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, I submit the following report of the Accountant's Department for the calendar year ending December 31, 1944, including the source of all receipts, detail of appropriations and expenditures, statement of trust funds and town debt, and a balance sheet showing the financial condition of the town, January 1, 1945.

FRED H. DOOLITTLE,  
Town Accountant.

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**ANALYSIS OF TREASURER'S RECEIPTS**

Taxes from 1942	\$ 6,211.33	
Taxes from 1943	7,102.33	
Taxes from 1944	55,862.88	
	<hr/>	\$69,176.54
Tax Title		537.59
Motor Vehicle excise for 1943	91.24	
Motor Vehicle excise for 1944	2,504.40	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,595.64
From State:		
Income Tax	\$ 8,372.00	
Corporation Tax	4,287.85	
Reimbursement for loss of tax	186.64	
Gax Tax	5,158.40	
	<hr/>	\$18,004.39
Licenses	\$ 55.00	
Health:		
Pasteurizing	20.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 75.00
Dog Licenses	\$ 554.60	
Withholding Tax	2,974.30	
Sale of stray dog	2.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 3,530.90

From County:		
Dog Fund	\$ 498.72	
Court Fines	10.00	
Highway, Chapter 90	500.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,008.72
From State:		
Highways, Chapter 81, 1943	\$ 161.49	
Highways, Chapter 81, 1944	7,079.25	
Highways, Chapter 90, 1944	500.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 7,740.74
Mass. School Fund	5,865.85	
Union Superintendent	676.67	
Vocational Education	145.00	
Inspection of Animals	42.50	
Meal Tax	577.70	
	<hr/>	\$ 7,307.72

### Protection of Persons and Property

Sealer's Fees	\$ 48.91	
Fire Department and Truck	96.10	
	<hr/>	\$ 145.01

### Health

Nurse Fees		\$ 137.50
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### Charities

State Temporary Aid	\$ 594.53	
State, A.D.C.	413.42	
State, O.A.A.	10,775.94	
U. S. Grant, O.A.A.	11,719.75	
U. S. Grant, O.A.A. Administrator	390.59	
U. S. Grant, A.D.C. Administrator	8.88	
U. S. Grant, A.D.C.	617.00	
	<hr/>	\$24,520.11

### Schools

Tuition and Transportation	\$ 270.20	\$ 270.20
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### Unclassified

Collector's Fees	\$ 39.60	
Rent of Town Hall	332.00	
Rent of Alexander Hall	3.00	
Library Fines	68.54	
Machinery Acct. Trucks, etc.	2,715.50	
Sale of Junk	40.07	
Sale of Northfield History	15.00	
Sale of Observation Building	10.00	
Recording Deed	2.00	
Tailings	6.35	
Youth Hostel	150.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 3,330.06



## Interest

### Interest on

Deferred Taxes	\$ 635.28
George F. Morgan Fund	60.30
Elisha Alexander Fund	40.40
Lottie Evans Fund	14.01
Surplus Revenue	32.16
Belcher School Fund	25.93
Cemetery Funds (Treasurer)	257.92
Cemetery Funds (Selectmen)	6.06
Cemetery Fund (Stearns)	10.05
Cemetery Fund (West Northfield)	239.74
Library Fund	196.76
C. P. Dickinson Fund	60.30
Post-War Fund (U. S. Bonds)	154.53
	<hr/> \$ 1,733.44

## Cemeteries

Perpetual Care Funds	\$ 350.00
Sale of Lots	256.00
Care of Lots	5.00
	<hr/> \$ 611.00

## Refunds

Schools	\$ 8.05
O. A. A.	33.34
Alexander Hall	3.45
U. S. Bonds	.02
	<hr/> \$ 44.86

Total Receipts for 1944	\$140,819.42
Cash on Hand January 1, 1944	52,101.49
	<hr/> \$192,920.91

## EXPENDITURES

### Town Hall

Appropriation	\$ 1,600.00
Payments	
Carl Mason	\$ 315.00
H. M. Haskell	225.00
Western Electric Co.	172.92
F. M. Dunnell	642.45
Northfield Water Co.	28.18
Franklin Co. Lumber Co.	15.06
Leavis & Bolton	24.85
Sidney Tyler	2.90
J. Alfred Way	5.00
Northfield Pharmacy	2.82
W. D. Miller	6.70

Albert J. Anderson	1.75
Frank Anderson	7.00
Henry W. Hammond	3.75
H. L. McCullough	3.00
Com. of Public Safety	5.00
C. L. Johnson	3.75
Avery's Store	5.98
F. A. Irish	7.48

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\$ 1,478.59

Unexpended Balance to Revenue

121.41

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\$ 1,600.00

### Selectmen

Appropriation \$ 600.00

#### Payments

Fred A. Holton	200.00
George W. Carr	200.00
F. M. Dunnell	200.00
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	\$ 600.00

### Selectmen's Expense Account

Appropriation \$ 100.00

#### Payments

New Eng. Tel. & Tel. Co.	\$ 12.95
F. A. Holton	2.00
S. E. Walker	7.07
Franklin Co. Selectmen's Association	9.00
Inspection of Buildings	6.00
Northfield Press	1.00
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	37.32
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	62.68
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	\$ 100.00

### Moderator and Counsel

Appropriation \$ 250.00

#### Payments

William F. Hoehn	\$ 10.00
Stoddard, Ball & Bartlett	156.58
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	166.58
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	83.42
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	\$ 250.00

### Tax Collector

Appropriation, salary	\$ 400.00	
Appropriation, Expense Account	100.00	
Appropriation, by Transfer	25.00	
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Total Credits		\$ 525.00

#### Payments

Charles F. Slate	\$ 400.00	
Hobbs & Warren	50.16	
Merritt C. Skilton	51.48	
Northfield Press	5.50	
C. F. Slate	4.00	
Read-Shaw Agency	5.00	
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	516.14	
Unexpended Balance to Overlay Reserve	8.86	
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		\$ 525.00

### Treasurer

Appropriation, salary	\$ 600.00	
Appropriation, Expense Account	100.00	
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Total Credits		\$ 700.00

#### Payments

Franklin Co. Trust Co.	\$ 9.89	
Charles F. Slate	612.72	
Merritt C. Skilton	63.70	
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	686.31	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	13.69	
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		\$ 700.00

### Town Clerk

Appropriation, salary	\$ 250.00	
Appropriation, Expense Account	40.00	
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Total Credits		\$ 290.00

#### Payments

Josephine S. Haskell	\$ 250.00	
Minott's Press	11.50	
Hobb's & Warren	1.15	
Josephine S. Haskell	20.40	
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	283.05	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	6.95	
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		\$ 290.00

## Election and Registration

Appropriation	500.00	
Appropriation, by transfer	85.84	
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Total credits		\$ 585.84

### Payments

Registration officers	\$ 300.00	
Election officers	210.00	
Northfield Press	53.75	
Josephine F. Haskell	16.22	
Robinson Seal Co.	5.87	
	<hr/>	
		\$ 585.84

## Assessors and Clerk

Appropriation, salary	\$ 600.00	
Appropriation, Expense account	50.00	
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Total Credits		\$ 650.00

### Payments

Fred I. Bolton	\$ 15.00	
Fred S. Merrifield	150.00	
Ernest A. Parker	300.00	
Clifford A. Field	135.00	
Hobbs & Warren	3.41	
Mass. Assessors Association	6.00	
Ernest A. Parker	6.00	
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	6.15.41	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	34.59	
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		\$ 650.00

## Accountant

Appropriation, salary	\$ 600.00	
Appropriation, Expense Account	35.00	
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Total Credits		\$ 635.00

### Payments

F. H. Doolittle	\$ 600.00	
F. H. Doolittle, postage, etc.	6.45	
Commonwealth of Mass.	15.84	
C. H. Demond	1.65	
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	623.94	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	11.06	
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		\$ 635.00

## Fire Department

Appropriation

\$ 1,700.00

### Payments

Colton's Insurance Agency	\$ 164.47
Morgan's Garage	108.98
American LaFrance Co.	165.59
James R. Shea	40.00
E. M. Gulow Co.	57.25
Mass. Fire Equipment Co.	15.00
F. M. Dunnell	125.00
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	62.24
S. Allen & Sons	1.57
Franklin Co. Lumber Co.	3.84
G. C. Buffam	2.09
Grass Fires	1.50
F. A. Irish	8.15
C. L. Johnson	250.60
Clifford Bolton	25.00
Edward Bolton	67.50
Fred Bolton	14.00
Norman Bolton	3.00
Roy Barrows	14.50
Charles Browning, Jr.	60.50
G. W. Carr	4.50
Gene Cullam	2.50
F. M. Dunnell	9.75
F. M. Dunnell, Jr.	3.00
Andrew Gray	30.00
Alfred Holton	16.50
Carleton Holton	4.00
Gilbert Hammond	2.50
George Lombard	39.00
Willis Parker	9.00
Francis Reed	19.00
George Sheldon	6.00
Lee Sheldon	7.00
Harrison Stacy	41.00
Donald Truesdale	4.50
Verne Ware	16.00
Leo Zabko	2.50
Sundry Persons	80.50

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1,489.02

Unexpended Balance to Revenue

210.98

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\$ 1,700.00



## Water Holes

Appropriation .		\$	100.00
	Payments		
C. L. Johnson		\$	12.00
Frank Anderson			29.40
Kenneth Ruhl			14.30
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			55.70
Unexpended Balance to Revenue			44.30
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		\$	100.00

## Forest Patrol

Appropriation		\$	100.00
	Payments		
Charles L. Gilbert		\$	86.45
Unexpended Balance to Revenue			13.55
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		\$	100.00

## Hydrant Service

Appropriation		\$	400.00
	Payments		
Northfield Water Co.		\$	400.00
		\$	400.00

## Constable Pay

Appropriation		\$	200.00
	Payments		
H. M. Haskell			34.50
M. E. Vorce			68.60
M. M. Hammond			9.65
Hermon A. Miner			14.40
Irwin Hale			3.90
Joseph Morgan			3.25
Leon Whitmore			5.80
Richard Hiller			6.50
J. E. Ross			3.25
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			149.85
Unexpended Balance to Revenue			50.15
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		\$	200.00

## Inspection of Animals

Appropriation		\$	125.00
Arthur Bolton		\$	42.50
Unexpended Balance to Revenue			82.50
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		\$	125.00

## Sealer of Weights and Measures

Appropriation		\$ 150.00
	Payments	
Robinson Seal Co.	7.28	
Dean W. Williams	125.00	
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	132.28	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	17.72	
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		\$ 150.00

## Inspector of Meat and Slaughter

Appropriation	\$ 150.00	
Appropriation by transfer	100.00	
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Total Credits		\$ 250.00
	Payments	
Horace Bolton	\$ 208.50	
Balance to Overlay Reserve	41.50	
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		\$ 250.00

## Insurance

Appropriation		\$ 1,200.00
	Payments	
A. P. Fitt, Liability	\$ 348.16	
A. P. Fitt, Fire	725.98	
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	\$ 1,074.14	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	125.86	
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		\$ 1,200.00

## Gypsy Moth

Appropriation		\$ 825.00
	Payments	
Frank Anderson	\$ 260.60	
Calvin Kenney	112.20	
Paul Gorgorcoski	45.00	
Stevan Matosky	87.80	
Fred Luciw	40.20	
Victor Sherwood	50.80	
Darwin Halloway	35.10	
Shirley Halloway	29.90	
Irving Walker	10.40	
Norman Bolton	24.00	
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	696.00	

Frank Anderson, truck	110.80	
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	806.80	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	18.20	
	<hr/>	\$ 825.00

### Tree Warden

Appropriation		\$ 75.00
	Payments	
Dean W. Williams	\$ 11.62	
Weldon Campbell	31.35	
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	42.97	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	32.03	
	<hr/>	\$ 75.00

### Planting and Care of Trees

Appropriation from 1943		\$ 121.34
Unexpended Balance to 1945	\$ 121.34	\$ 121.34

### Defense

#### (Ration Board)

Appropriation		\$ 125.00
	Payments	
Priscilla Abbott	\$ 95.00	
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	15.05	
Post Office Box	1.80	
H. C. Demond	6.95	
Evelyn Parker	2.00	
Northfield Seminary	.45	
Northfield Pharmacy	.40	
Avery's Store	.75	
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	122.40	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	2.60	
	<hr/>	\$ 125.00

### Defense Committee

Appropriation		\$ 200.00
	Payments	
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	\$ 45.60	
Tin Collection	70.85	
Northfield Seminary	1.09	
G. C. Buffam	1.05	
Mrs. Frank Montague	.79	
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	119.38	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	80.62	
	<hr/>	\$ 200.00

## Honor Roll

Appropriation		
Balance from 1943	\$	201.00
By Transfer		165.00
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Total Credits		\$ 366.00

	Payments	
Alfred Holton	\$	22.52
Leavis & Bolton		77.45
E. L. Hildreth		25.00
Max W. Huber		79.00
Aiken Nursery		100.00
Frank Anderson		50.00
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		353.97
Balance to Overlay Reserve		12.03
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		\$ 366.00

## Tax Title Foreclosure

Appropriation		\$ 50.00
	Payment	
Charles F. Slate	\$	7.51
Unexpended Balance to Revenue		42.49
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		\$ 50.00

## Nurse

Appropriation	\$	1,400.00
Appropriation by Transfer		150.00
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Total Credits		\$ 1,550.00
	Payments	
Mrs. Dean W. Williams	\$	1,050.88
Euphrasia Purrington		465.00
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Balance to Overlay Reserve		1,515.88
		34.12
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		\$ 1,550.00

## Community Nurse

	(Expense)	
Appropriation		\$ 50.00
	Payments	
Northfield Pharmacy		12.32
Mrs. Dean Williams		2.00
Miss Purrington		1.29
Johnson & Johnson		6.25

Mrs. Henry Johnson	2.00	
Mead & Wheeler	1.27	
Dr. F. Wilton Dean	3.42	
New England Tel. & Tel.	.30	
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	28.85	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	21.15	
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		\$ 50.00

### Health

Appropriation \$ 250.00

#### Payments

Johnson & Johnson	3.00
Dr. R. G. Holton	20.00
Dr. F. Wilton Dean	25.00
Dr. John S. Olson	50.00
Frank Anderson	3.00
Josephine S. Haskell (Vital Statistics)	68.50

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	169.50	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	80.50	
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		\$ 250.00

### Highways—Chapter 81

Appropriation	\$ 4,063.00	
Appropriation, State contract	8,126.00	
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Total		\$12,189.00

#### Payments

Ralph V. Gibson, Superintendent	\$ 1,109.48	
Labor:		
Henry Bassett	691.95	
Ernest Kenney	713.55	
Frank Brassor	370.05	
Robert Strange	699.90	
Milo Slaght	98.35	
Ignac Billman	661.90	
John Greenwood	100.65	
Kenneth Ruhl	200.90	
Robert Bently	5.20	
Leon Randall	715.95	
Herbert Black	775.55	
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		\$ 6,160.43

### Trucks and Machinery

Town truck #3	725.25
Town truck #4	772.50
Town Sanding Machine	32.50
Town Scraper	100.25



Signs	72.35	
Herman Fisher, tractor	167.20	
Herman Fisher, truck	115.20	
Frank Anderson, truck	147.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,132.25

### Materials

Northfield Washed Sand & Gravel	\$ 1,418.72	
A. H. Farnum	8.70	
J. L. Dunnell & Son	38.25	
Evans Bros.	24.00	
Frank W. Hance	19.40	
H. W. Taylor	27.57	
State Prison	120.00	
Boston & Maine R. R.	7.30	
American Tar Co.	1,587.48	
The Lake Asphalt Co.	643.90	
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	3,895.32	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	1.00	
	<hr/>	\$12,189.00

### Chapter 81 Road Expenditures

1 Warwick Avenue	\$ 47.60
2 Warwick Road	221.33
3 Commonwealth Avenue	175.80
4 Erving or Gulf Road	1,530.40
5 Murdock Hill Road	49.00
6 Swamp Road	31.80
7 Orange Road	409.90
8 Mt. Hermon State Road	787.52
9 East Northfield Road Branch	0.00
10 East Northfield Road	525.70
11 Pine Street	246.20
12 Winchester Road	69.24
13 Pierson Road	87.05
14 Discontinued now State Highway	0.00
15 Ashuelot Road	22.24
16 Moody Street	40.44
17 Birnam Road	478.23
18 Holton Street	60.20
19 Highland Avenue	39.35
20 Caldwell Road	353.35
21 River Road	96.80
22 Randall Road	11.00
23 Vernon Road	270.83
24 Parker Street	86.20

25 Great Meadow Road	69.40
26 Meadow Street	142.70
27 Bridge Street	133.30
28 Mill Street	60.87
29 School Street	167.80
30 St Mary's Street	191.49
31 Alexander Hill Road	179.70
32 Pratt Hollow Road	0.00
33 Maple Street	70.17
34 Beers Plain Road	434.17
35 New Road	23.40
36 Old Wendell Road	379.20
37 Lyman Road	111.00
38 Lucky Clapp Road	36.60
39 South Mt. Road	701.90
40 Fisher Road	76.80
41 Four Mile Brook Road	392.20
42 Gill Road	10.00
43 Pine Meadow Road	983.36
44 Old Millers Falls Road	0.00
45 Cross Road	331.50
47 East Street	267.18
48 Northfield Farms Road	437.18
49 Sturbridge Road	0.00
50 Dickinson Street	0.00
51 Bennett Brook Road	216.46
52 Glenwood Avenue	135.23
53 Munns Ferry Road	68.75
54 Myrtle Street	14.00
55 North Lane	60.04
56 Aldrich Street	101.35
57 Howard Street	54.37
58 Prospect Hill	0.00
59 State Road	49.40
60 Jewett Road	12.40
61 Gerrish Road	19.00
62 South Mountain Road Branch	132.05
63 Linden Avenue	22.60
64 Adams Road	0.00
65 Holly Avenue	28.80
66 Rustic Way	217.10
67 Old Ferry Road	36.50
Signs	116.65
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	\$12,188.00

#### Allotments

State	\$ 8,125.00
Town	4,063.00
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	\$12,188.00

## Highways—Chapter 90

Appropriation, Town Share	\$ 500.00	
Appropriation, State Share	500.00	
Appropriation, County Share	500.00	
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Total Credits		\$ 1,500.00

### Payments

Ralph V. Gibson, Superintendent      \$ 77.00

#### Labor:

Henry Bassett	55.25	
Ernest Kenney	29.25	
Frank Brassor	11.05	
Robert Strange	50.05	
Ignac Billman	44.20	
John Greenwood	5.20	
Leon Randall	31.85	
Herbert Black	21.45	
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		\$ 330.50

### Trucks and Materials

Town Truck #3	\$ 21.75	
Town Truck #4	15.75	
Sanding Machine	8.50	
Frank Anderson, truck	22.40	
Herman Fisher, truck	27.20	
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		\$ 95.60

Northfield Washed Sand & Gravel	\$ 123.47	
American Tar Co.	604.35	
H. W. Taylor	346.08	
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		\$ 1,073.90
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		\$ 1,500.00

### Highway Tools

Appropriation	\$ 100.00	
Appropriation, by Transfer	1.89	
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Total Credits		\$ 101.89

### Payments

Unitarian Society	\$ 50.00
Frank W. Hance	36.91
W. D. Miller	10.60
Avery's Store	4.38
	<hr/> \$ 101.89

### Snow Removal

Appropriation	\$ 3,500.00
Appropriation, by Transfer	463.50
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Total Credits	\$ 3,963.50

### Payments

Ralph V. Gibson, Superintendent	\$ 514.00
Labor:	
Henry Bassett	340.00
Francis Fisher	8.75
Ignac Billman	5.20
H. Randall	2.40
Frank Brassor	4.80
Ernest Kenney	147.00
Robert Strange	15.20
Leon Randall	337.15
Herbert Black	380.90
	<hr/> \$ 1,752.40

### Trucks and Supplies

Town Truck #3	\$ 329.50
Town Truck #4	381.75
Sanding Machine	72.75
Herman Fisher, plowing	77.45
Herbert Black, plowing	24.75
Northfield Washed Sand & Gravel	146.00
Spencer Bros. (walks)	48.00
Spencer Bros. garage	29.95
Morgan's Garage	212.82
Stearn's Garage	108.24
G. C. Buffam	6.21
W. D. Miller	.82
International Salt Co.	164.40
The Chemical Corp.	65.03
Allied Steel Co.	129.05
Federal Steel Co.	319.99
Consolidated Steel Syndicate	76.39
R. L. Files and H. J. O'Keefe Co.	18.00
	<hr/> \$ 2,211.10
	<hr/> \$ 3,963.50

## Street Lights

Appropriation \$ 2,971.56

### Payments

Western Mass. Electric Co. \$ 2,971.56 \$ 2,971.56

## Bridge Repairs

Appropriation \$ 600.00

### Payments

R. V. Gibson, Superintendent	\$ 54.00
Henry Bassett	29.90
Frank Brassor	13.00
Robert Strange	13.65
Ernest Kinney	23.40
Ignac Billman	13.00
Leon Randall	34.45
Herbert Black	28.60
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	\$ 210.00

## Trucks and Supplies

Town Truck #3	\$ 22.50
Town Truck #4	19.50
Evans Bros.	2.50
Frank R. Nance	5.20
G. K. Watson	150.42
Tenney & Smead	141.46
Northfield Seminary	2.25
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	\$ 343.83
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	46.17
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	\$ 600.00

## Railings

Appropriation \$ 300.00

### Payments

Ralph V. Gibson, Sup'r	\$ 61.00
Henry Bassett	41.60
Frank Brassor	5.20
Ignac Billman	28.80
Ernest Kenney	23.40
Robert Strange	15.60
Leon Randall	41.60
Herbert Black	13.65
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	\$ 222.85



### Trucks and Supplies

Town Truck #3	\$ 15.75	
Town Truck #4	5.25	
Evans Bros.	2.57	
W. D. Miller	5.99	
G. N. Kidder	16.07	
R. V. Gibson, posts	30.10	
Frank W. Hance	1.40	
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	\$ 77.13	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	.02	
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		\$ 300.00

### Road Machinery Fund

Appropriation from Machinery Acct. \$ 1,800.00

#### Payments

Morgan's Garage	\$ 768.45	
Stearn's Garage	340.18	
Spencer Bros.	97.30	
Colton's Ins. Agency	101.60	
Federal Tool & Steel Co.	126.16	
Leon Randall	54.60	
Herbert Black	32.50	
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	\$ 1,520.79	
Unexpended Balance to Machinery Acct.	279.21	
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		\$ 1,800.00

### Public Welfare

Appropriation	\$ 5,000.00	
Appropriation by Transfer	450.00	
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Total Credits		\$ 5,450.00

#### Payments

Total payments as per detail of Clerk's Report	\$ 5,349.72	
Unexpended Balance to Overlay Reserve	100.28	
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		\$ 5,450.00

### Public Welfare Clerk

Appropriation		\$ 150.00
	Payment	
George W. Carr	\$ 150.00	
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		\$ 150.00

## Aid to Dependent Children

### Payment

Total Payment as per Detailed Report	\$ 884.90	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	115.10	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,000.00

## Aid to Dependent Children

### (U. S. Grant)

Appropriation, Balance from 1943	\$ 11.79	
Appropriation Received in 1944	723.12	
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Total Credits		\$ 734.91

### Payments

Total Payments	\$ 729.50	
Balance to 1945	5.41	
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## A.D.C. and O.A.A. Clerk

Appropriation		\$ 300.00
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### Payments

George W. Carr	\$ 17.50	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	282.50	
	<hr/>	\$ 300.00

## A.D.C. Administrator

### (U. S. Grant)

Appropriation, Balance from 1943	\$ 4.74	
Appropriation, Received in 1944	8.88	
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Total Credits		\$ 13.62

### Payments

George W. Carr	\$ 12.50	
Unexpended Balance to 1945	1.12	
	<hr/>	\$ 13.62

## O.A.A. Administrator

### (U. S. Grant)

Appropriation, Balance from 1943	\$ 112.76	
Appropriation, Received in 1944	390.59	
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Total Credits		\$ 503.35

### Payments

G. W. Carr	\$ 300.00	
C. H. Demond	37.25	
G. W. Carr	7.27	
The Bookstore	.40	
New Eng. Tel. & Tel. Co.	14.45	
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	359.37	
Unexpended Balance to 1945	143.98	
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		\$ 503.35

### O.A.A. (U. S. Grant)

Appropriation, Balance from 1943	\$ 173.66	
Appropriation, Received in 1944	11,719.75	
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Total Credits		\$11,893.41

### Payments

Total Payment	\$11,893.41	\$11,893.41
(Detail in Clerks' Report)		

### Old Age Assistance

Appropriation	\$ 8,000.00	
Appropriation, by Transfer, E. & D.	8,000.00	
Appropriation, by Transfer, E. & D.	1,500.00	
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Total Credits		\$17,500.00

### Payments

Total Payments	\$16,748.38	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	751.62	
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		\$17,500.00

### Soldiers' Relief

Appropriation		\$ 1,200.00
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### Payments

Total Payments	\$ 410.93	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	789.07	
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		\$ 1,200.00

### George F. Morgan Fund

Appropriation, Balance from 1943	\$ 65.18	
Appropriation, Received in 1944	60.30	
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Total Credits		\$ 125.48

### Payments

Total Payments	\$ 63.85	
Unexpended Balance to 1945	61.63	
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		\$ 125.48

### Elisha Alexander Fund

Appropriation from 1943	\$ 40.56
Appropriation, Received in 1944	40.40

Total Credits	\$ 80.96
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#### Payments

Unexpended Balance to 1945	\$ 80.96
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#### Schools

Appropriation	\$37,500.00
Appropriation for Special Fuel	845.00

Total Credit	\$38,345.00
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#### Payments

Total Payments	\$38,297.28
Detail in School Report	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	47.72

	\$38,345.00
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### School Committee

Appropriation	\$ 150.00
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#### Payments

Sidney Given	\$ 50.00
Mrs. Dorothy Miller	50.00
Irving J. Lawrence	50.00

	\$ 150.00
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### Oiling School Road

Appropriation	\$ 400.00
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#### Payments

Ralph V. Gibson, Sup'r.	\$ 29.00
Henry Bassett	16.25
Frank Brassor	5.85
Ernest Kinney	11.05
Robert Strange	3.25
Ignac Billman	3.25
Kenneth Ruhl	3.25
Leon Randall	8.45
Herbert Black	11.05

	\$ 91.40
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Town Truck #3	9.75
Town Truck #4	12.75
Town Sander	4.50
Town Scraper	1.00
Mrs. A. H. Farnum (Gravel)	4.20
Northfield Washed Sand and Gravel	13.60
American Tar Co.	254.61

	\$ 300.41
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	391.81
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Unexpended Balance to Revenue	8.19
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	\$ 400.00
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## School Fuel

Appropriation		\$ 845.00
	Payment	
By Transfer to School Account	\$ 845.00	
	\$ 845.00	

## Belcher Center School Fund

Appropriation from 1943	\$ 105.55	
Appropriation, Received in 1944	25.93	
	\$ 131.48	
	Payments	
Cinema Inc.	\$ 131.48	\$ 131.48

## Library

Appropriation		\$ 2,500.00
	Payments	
Jean V. Geibel	\$ 835.00	
Mrs. Austin Phelps	163.12	
Miss Ruth Parker	2.47	
Miss Lucy Evelith	19.73	
Carl Mason	150.00	
Frank P. Britton	145.00	
F. M. Dunnell	231.41	
Northfield Water Co.	6.00	
Western Mass. Electric Co.	49.47	
Max W. Huber	149.00	
Leavis & Bolton	167.11	
The H. R. Hunting Co.	155.33	
The Springfield News	71.36	
Book of the Month Club	28.58	
Barrett & Baker	25.80	
C. R. Finch	41.55	
E. L. Hildreth	20.00	
J. Wesby & Sons	36.91	
Durico Library Supply Co.	25.80	
Gaylord Bros. Inc.	2.85	
Northfield Schools	7.20	
Yale University Press	15.62	
Jordan Marsh Co.	4.95	
Clark Hardware	1.75	
W. D. Miller	7.43	
Barber's I. G. A. Store	.70	
Henry W. Hammond	9.85	
C. L. Johnson	1.50	
Northfield Pharmacy	.49	





Payments		
Donald Finch	\$	45.00
Leo Fortier		80.00
Du-Ev Products Co. Inc.		36.32
Barber's I.G.A. Store		.27
Paul W. Lawton		13.25
W. D. Miller		1.27
G. N. Kidder		.30
Mrs. Louis Abbey		2.00
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		178.41
Unexpended Balance to Overlay Reserve		21.59
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	\$	200.00

### Memorial Day

Appropriation		\$	125.00
Payments			
Clark's Sound Service		10.00	
The Northfield		30.25	
John Wilson & Co., Inc.		6.75	
Major William Marshall		12.00	
Christine B. Corser		20.00	
Northfield Seminary		2.63	
Greenfield High School Band		25.00	
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		106.68	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue		18.32	
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	\$	125.00	

### Care of Athletic Field

Appropriation		\$	125.00
Payments			
Spencer Bros.	\$	44.00	
Ralph Gibson		5.00	
Henry Bassett		3.25	
Leon Randall		3.25	
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		55.50	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue		69.50	
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	\$	125.00	

### Town Reports

Appropriation		\$	300.00
Payments			
Fred A. Holton	\$	10.12	
The Northfield Press		288.25	
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		298.37	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue		1.63	
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	\$	300.00	

### Town Clock and Fountain

Appropriation		\$ 120.00
	Payments	
Northfield Water Co.	\$ 75.00	
C. L. Johnson	3.00	
Nelson A. Spring	15.25	
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	93.25	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	26.75	
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		\$ 120.00

### Expense of Town Dump

Appropriation		\$ 200.00
	Payments	
R. V. Gibson	\$ 3.40	
Henry Bassett	4.80	
Frank Brassor	4.80	
Robert Strange	4.80	
Herbert Black	4.80	
Town Truck #4	6.00	
Northfield Washed Sand & Gravel	5.50	
	34.10	
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Unexpended Balance to Revenue	165.90	
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		\$ 200.00

### Legion Room

Appropriation		\$ 1,500.00
Unexpended Balance to 1945	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00

### Bonds and Damage

Appropriation		\$ 400.00
	Payments	
Colton's Insurance Agency	\$ 172.00	
Horace E. Allen	50.00	
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	222.00	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	178.00	
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		\$ 400.00

### Reserve Fund

Appropriation from Overlay Reserve		\$ 1,900.00
	Payments by Transfer	
Snow Removal	\$ 463.50	
Public Welfare	450.00	
Honor Roll	165.00	
Nurse	150.00	
Inspection, Meat & Slaughter	100.00	

Election and Registration	85.84	
Alexander Hall	50.00	
Collector's Expense	25.00	
Highway Tools	1.89	
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	1,491.23	
Unexpended Balance to Overlay Reserve	409.77	
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		\$ 1,900.00

Appropriation	\$ 600.00
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Frank Britton	\$	128.10
Stephan Matosky		163.20
Tessie Matosky		189.90
J. J. Bartus		74.84
G. N. Kidder		1.50
Northfield Water Co.		12.00
W. D. Miller		2.39
W. H. Snow		16.50
H. W. Taylor		11.10
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		599.53
Unexpended Balance to Revenue		.47
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	\$	600.00

Appropriation, Income from Securities		\$	261.96
Frank Britton	6.20		
Stephan Matosky	127.20		
Tessie Matosky	99.00		
J. J. Bartus	29.16		
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	261.96	\$	261.96

Appropriation, Cemetery Lot Fund	\$ 200.00
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Frank Britton	\$	16.80	
Stephan Matosky		47.10	
Tessie Matosky		28.80	
Evans Bros.		7.79	
G. N. Kidder		33.21	
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		133.70	
Unexpended Balance to 1945		66.30	
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	\$		200.00

### West Northfield Cemetery

Appropriation, Balance from 1943	\$ 91.04	
Appropriation, Income from Securities	240.75	
Total Credits		\$ 331.79
Payments		
Carleton Holton	\$ 121.50	
Roger Holton	37.40	
W. H. Snow	6.00	
	164.90	
Unexpended Balance to 1945	166.89	
		\$ 331.79

### Calvin Stearns Lot

Appropriation, Balance from 1943	10.05	
Appropriation, Income from Security	10.05	
Total Credits		\$ 20.10
Payment		
Stephan Matosky	12.00	
Unexpended Balance to 1945	8.10	
		\$ 20.10

### Interest Account

Appropriation		\$ 600.00
Payments		
Franklin County Trust Co.	\$ 9.00	
The Merchant's National Bank of Boston	472.50	
	481.50	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	118.50	
		\$ 600.00

### Grade School Debt

Appropriation		\$ 4,500.00
Payments		
The Merchant's National Bank of Boston	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00



## RECAPITULATION

### Total Appropriation, Payments and Unexpended Balances

	Payments	Appropriations	Balance
Town Hall	\$ 1,478.59	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 121.41
Selectmen, Expense Acct.	37.32	100.00	62.68
Moderator and Counsel	166.58	250.00	83.42
Treasurer Expense Acct.	86.31	100.00	13.69
Town Clerk, Expense and Salary	283.05	290.00	6.95
Assessors and Clerk Expense	15.41	50.00	34.59
Accountant	623.94	635.00	11.06
Fire Department	1,489.02	1,700.00	210.98
Water Holes	55.70	100.00	44.30
Forest Patrol	86.45	100.00	13.55
Constable Pay	149.85	200.00	50.15
Inspection of Animals	42.50	125.00	82.50
Sealer, Weights and Measures	132.28	150.00	17.72
Insurance	1,074.14	1,200.00	125.86
Gypsy Moth	806.80	825.00	18.20
Tree Warden	42.97	75.00	32.03
Defense, Ration Board	122.40	125.00	2.60
Defense Committee	119.38	200.00	80.62
Tax Title Foreclosure	7.51	50.00	42.49
Nurse, Expense Acct.	28.85	50.00	21.15
Health	169.50	250.00	80.50
Highway—81	12,188.01	12,189.00	.99
Bridge Repairs	553.83	600.00	46.17
Railings	299.98	300.00	.02
A. D. C.	884.90	1,000.00	115.10
A. D. C. and O. A. A. Clerk	17.50	300.00	282.50
O. A. A.	16,748.38	17,500.00	751.62
Soldiers' Relief	410.93	1,200.00	789.07
Schools	38,297.28	38,345.00	47.72
Schools, Road Oiling	391.81	400.00	8.19
Library	2,396.62	2,500.00	103.38
Memorial Day	106.68	125.00	18.32
Athletic Field	55.50	125.00	69.50
Bonds and Damage	222.00	400.00	178.00
Town Reports	298.37	300.00	1.63
Clock and Fountain	93.25	120.00	26.75
Expense of Dump	34.10	200.00	165.90
Cemeteries	599.53	600.00	.47
Interest Account	481.50	600.00	118.50

Unexpended Balance to Revenue

\$ 3,880.28

	Payments	Appropriations	Balance
Collector, Expense	116.14	125.00	8.86
Inspector of Meat & Slaughter	208.50	250.00	41.50
Honor Roll	353.97	366.00	12.03
Nurse	1,515.88	1,550.00	34.12
Public Welfare	5,349.72	5,450.00	100.28
Alexander Hall	178.41	200.00	21.59
Reserve Fund		1,900.00	408.77
Unexpended Balance to Overlay Reserve			\$ 627.15
Selectmen	600.00	600.00	
Collector	400.00	400.00	
Treasurer	600.00	600.00	
Election and Registration	585.84	585.84	
Hydrant Service	400.00	400.00	
Highways—90	1,500.00	1,500.00	
Highway Tools	101.89	101.89	
Snow Removal	3,963.50	3,963.50	
Street Lights	2,971.56	2,971.56	
P. W. Clerk	150.00	150.00	
O. A. A. (U. S. Grant)	11,893.41	11,893.41	
School Committee	150.00	150.00	
Farms Library	50.00	50.00	
Center School Fund	138.48	138.48	
Cemetery Trust Funds	261.96	261.96	
School Debt	4,500.00	4,500.00	
U. S. Bonds	10,000.00	10,000.00	
Road Machinery Fund	1,520.79	1,800.00	
Unexpended Balance to Machine Acct.			279.21
Planting and Care of Trees		121.34	121.34
A. D. C. (U. S. Grant)	729.50	734.91	5.41
A. D. C. Administer	12.50	13.62	1.12
O. O. A. Administrator	359.37	503.35	143.98
Geo. F. Morgan Fund	63.85	125.48	61.63
Elisha Alexander Fund		81.97	81.97
Library Trust Fund	186.09	200.13	14.04
C. P. Dickinson Fund	53.38	62.94	9.56
Legion Room (Repairs)		1,500.00	1,500.00
Cemetery, W. Northfield	164.90	331.79	166.89
Calvin Stearns Fund	12.00	20.10	8.10
Painting & Repairing of Mt. Hermon Fence	133.70	200.00	66.30
Unexpended Balance to 1945			\$ 2,180.34

## Additional Payments

Dog Licenses	554.60
State Tax	3,751.00
State Tax, Parks & Reservations	79.49
State Audit	267.67
County Tax	4,706.07
(Dog sold)	2.00
Tailings	.75
P. C. Funds	350.00
Withholding Tax	3,417.70
Interest (Lottie Evans Fund)	14.01

### Refunds:

Taxes 1943	3.60	
Poll Tax 1944	2.00	
Personal 1944	3.50	
Real Estate Tax 1944	30.22	
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	2.13	
		\$ 41.45
Total Cash Payments	\$144,101.80	
Cash on Hand Dec. 31, 1944	48,819.11	
	<u>\$192,920.91</u>	

REPORT OF THE  
**School Committee**

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ORGANIZATION FOR YEAR 1944

Sidney H. Given, Chairman	Term Expires 1946
Dorothy L. Miller, Secretary	Term Expires 1945
Irving J. Lawrence	Term Expires 1947

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Robert N. Taylor, B. Ch. E.; M. Ed.  
Office—Center School. Tel. 757

SCHOOL SECRETARY

Helen L. Deane

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

F. Wilton Dean, M. D.

SCHOOL NURSE

Miss Euphrasia Purrington, R. N.

SCHOOL CALENDAR, 1945-1946

Schools Opened January 2, 1945	Close February 16, 1945
Schools Open February 26, 1945	Close April 13, 1945
Schools Open April 23, 1945	Close June 15, 1945
Schools Open September 5, 1945	Close December 20, 1945
Schools Open January 2, 1946	Close February 15, 1946
Schools Open February 25, 1946	Close April 12, 1946
Schools Open April 22, 1946	Close June 14, 1946
Elementary Schools Close One Week Earlier in June.	

REPORT OF THE

## School Superintendent

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To the School Committee and Citizens of Northfield:

I have the honor to submit to you my annual report on the Public Schools. This, my fourth, is the 208th report on public education in the Town of Northfield

The year just closed has been marked by events unprecedented in the history of our nation. These events have made a marked impression on the minds of our youth. Just how marked this impression is, no one knows, and only the future will reveal. It becomes the duty of every educator to so guide the thinking of our pupils that good only will result from these experiences. Thinking that will make for mankind a happier, fuller and more wholesome life.

The year has been a difficult one in many respects but paramount in importance was the responsibility of keeping the schools supplied with an adequate teaching staff. The problem of material shortages combined with increased costs has also required the utmost diligence on the part of your committee. That we were able to complete the year with a balanced budget is primarily due to the sagacity of your School Committee.

### A Critical Shortage

The supply of teachers has now reached a critical stage. The larger communities have drained the rural areas of their experienced teachers. The teachers colleges are unable to supply our needs due to sharp decreases in enrolment and to the preference of such teachers for work in larger communities where beginners' salaries are larger than we pay experienced teachers.

To meet local requirements it has been necessary to recall former teachers now married or retired back into service. Some of these persons have found home responsibilities and teaching more than they could do and were obliged to resign during the school year. Others have found that after tax deductions the net salary was insufficient to pay for help at home and have anything left for her own work, and so they too have resigned. There are no other sources from which prospective teachers may be drawn.



Seven teachers resigned between March 1st and the opening of schools in September. This is exactly half of our staff and too many for the best welfare of a school system. Resignations were:

Mr Roland Currier after two years as Principal of the High School to accept the Principalship of the High School in Johnson, Vt.

Miss Julia Austin, to accept a similar position in the Barre, Vt., High School. Miss Austin served the Schools of Northfield faithfully and well for fifteen years. We are sorry to lose her but pleased that she has a splendid opportunity for wider service in a larger school system.

Mrs. Helen Gilmore, to join her husband in camp.

Miss Elizabeth Alexander, to teach in Montague.

Miss Priscilla Hayward, to teach in Easton.

Miss Gladys Midura, to teach in Belchertown High School.

Mrs. George Leonard, to be at home.

Mrs. Charlotte Johnson, of Greenfield served capably as substitute in the Household Arts Department for Mrs. Gilmore, until the close of school in June.

New appointments were:

Mr. Chester Parker, as principal of the high school. He will teach mathematics and social studies. Mr. Parker has been principal of the Jacksonville, Vt., High School this past year, previous to which he was Principal of Sedgewick, Maine, High School from 1940-42 and of Bridgewater, Maine, High School from 1939-40. He is a graduate of Bates College, class of 1939.

Mrs. Gloria Kosciusko, a graduate of Massachusetts State, class of 1944, as teacher of Household Arts and Director of the School Lunch Room.

Mrs. Helen Thompson, a former teacher in our system, and a graduate of Middlebury College, returned to teach Social Studies and Latin in the high school. She also has three classes per day in Arithmetic and Science in the Center School.

Miss Mary Smyth, a graduate of Our Lady of The Elms and with special training at Springfield Civil Service Commercial School to teach our commercial classes. Miss Smyth taught one year in the Springfield Civil Service Evening School.

Mrs. Dorothy Clough, a former teacher at the Northfield Farms School, to Grade II.

Miss Helen Scherlin, to Grade V. Miss Scherlin taught two years in Bernardston and one year in Marlboro, Vt.

Mrs. George Sheldon, at my insistence, took over the Social Studies position in the Center School, until a suitable teacher could be found. The position was finally filled by the appointment of a former Northfield teacher, Mrs. Willis Parker.

Other personnel changes during the year were:

Miss Genevieve Wozniak, Union Secretary in the Superintendent's Office, resigned to enter training for a nursing career. She entered the office just prior to the increase in government reporting in 1942 and graciously carried this load in addition to her regular duties.

Miss Helen Deane, a graduate of the Commercial Course at Powers Institute in 1944, was appointed Union Secretary.

Mr. Donald Finch, resigned as custodian of our schools in May to accept a position with the Millers Falls Tool Co. He has served the town faithfully for nine years. We wish him well in his new work.

Mr. Leo Fortier, who was formerly employed by Tenney Farms, was appointed custodian on May 1st.

### Coordination Within Our Schools

One important advantage from our recent consolidation is the ease with which we may now adjust the teaching staff to more evenly balance the teacher load.

Due to increases in the elementary and decreases in the high school enrolments in recent years we found our elementary teachers were carrying a load of 35.1 pupils while the load of the high school teachers was only 13.4 pupils. To partly adjust this inequality two high school teachers were assigned some duties in the elementary school. The Household Arts teacher spends one full period per day in the Lunch Room. The Social Studies teacher carries three periods per day so that the principal has  $1\frac{1}{2}$  hours per day to devote to supervisory and administrative duties and the principal has  $1\frac{1}{2}$  hours per day to devote to supervisory and administrative duties.

### Accomplishments

In spite of difficulties encountered during the year we can point with pride to the following educational accomplishments:

The School Committee, which had been functioning without written rules, drew up and adopted a complete set of "Rules and Regulations of the School Department." These were distributed to all members of the staff and should be of inestimable value in determining future policies and solving personnel problems.

Lengthening the high school day so as to close at 2:30 instead of 2:05 thus permitting a period each day for extra curricula activities.

The purchase of a sound motion picture projector (mostly pupil and teacher funds) so that visual education now has its rightful place in our work.

The acquisition of the Massachusetts Vision Test equipment (gift of the Health Council) so that more accurate results are being obtained in the legally required vision testing.

Complete testing of all pupils for the third consecutive year. Such testing has shown that there are fewer subjects than in the past two years in which we are not up to Standard Medians.

Organization of three corrective reading classes for pupils needing special help and encouragement.

### **Items From Center School Principal's Report**

Mr. Leonard's report calls attention to a number of progressive improvements in the Center School during the year:

"The attendance in school this fall has been noticeably better than in previous years. There have been fewer questionable absences than in the past."

"The lunchroom program has been very successful this year. Fine lunches have been served. Approximately 75% of the pupils who stay for lunch patronize the program each day. The lunch hour is divided into two shifts. Grades 1 - 4 eat lunch at 11:45 while grades 5 - 8 eat their lunch at 12:15. This relieves possible congestion and makes it possible to serve all pupils without having a crowded lunchroom. One teacher is in charge of the lunchroom for each group for one week each month."

"During the past year, permanent record cards have been instituted in Center School. For a number of years no kind of permanent record of pupils' achievements had been kept. Each teacher obtained personal data from each pupil and has entered it upon the card. This type of record is of infinite value when it becomes necessary for pupils to transfer or when inquiries are made concerning school records of former pupils. These cards are passed on to high school when pupils enter there, but when pupils transfer to other schools or leave school they are retained here, on file."

"Our school lacks an organized course in Art. Teachers who are not artistically minded can not teach art successfully without some help. To have a successful art course, it is neces-



sary to have a definite course of study for all grades, and the work of each grade should be built up on those skills and attitudes developed in the previous grades. Therefore, I recommend that something be done to improve the art work of the Northfield Center School to a level that will compare favorably with other school systems. The art work of those schools has been developed and is not due entirely to natural ability. I suggest that either one of the two following steps be taken.

1. Hire a part-time art supervisor, one who has specialized in this field in up-to-date methods. This could be undertaken as a union project. This suggestion may not be possible now, but I believe it to be worthy of future consideration.

2. Secure a definite course of study for the progressive instruction of art in all grades. This would not be expensive. The improvement in the art work would be very noticeable, and would develop those skills and attitudes that result in good art expression."

Regarding the use of sound motion pictures in education Mr. Leonard has the following to say:

"Since the fall of 1941, it has been my desire to have a sound moving picture projector in our school system. As president of the Northfield Teachers' Club, I presented my idea to them in one of their fall meetings a year ago. Their interest proved to be as great as mine. Immediate plans were made to present a play. Such a play, "Charity Begins—" was presented in April and \$126 was netted. This money added to other school money raised as a result of sales and programs, coupled with unused interest from the Belcher Center School Fund for several years, made nearly enough to purchase our projector."

"With the very welcome assistance of Mr. Seth Field, a former student of our schools, a projector was located and purchased this fall. This was done despite the necessity of priorities, and the scarcity of such supplies."

"Psychologists say that 90% of all learning comes through the eyes, 5% through our ears, and 5% through other sources. This being the case, our sound moving picture projector alone, is a means of teaching nearly all one needs to know, providing a complete program of films is available."

"Audio-visual education is in its infant stage. Our present program for the use of this audio-visual aid is in its formative state. Appropriate films for use in several grades are scheduled.

A summary or outline of the picture is given to each teacher, as well as a schedule of the dates to be shown. Teachers prepare the pupils for the picture. After the showing of the film the picture is discussed and reviewed."

"We are looking forward to an ever-increasing use of the projector and an enriched program of audio-visual education. Such a program will be possible only after more thorough study and greater experience with this newest aid to the teaching program."

### Post War Educational Problems

There is little doubt in my mind but that the time is not far distant when equalization of educational opportunity throughout our land will be realized.

For many years communities in Massachusetts have accepted State reimbursement from various funds. The purpose of this reimbursement was to equalize educational opportunities in the smaller communities unable to present the diversified program of a city or large town. These State funds, generous as they may be in some cases, do not, however, do all that should be done for rural youth.

Speaking before the New England Superintendents of Schools at the November conference in Boston this year Dr. Francis L. Bacon, Superintendent of Evanston Public Schools, Evanston, Illinois, made this pointed statement:

"We should work for Federal Aid through local control for our schools. If we don't we are likely to get Federal Aid with Federal Control."

Dr. Bacon was formerly director of Secondary Education in the Newton, Mass., Public Schools so he knows how New Englanders feel about Federal control of services which, since the founding of our State, have been local responsibilities. As a member of the N. E. A. Policies' Commission he was giving us information so that we could prepare ourselves to claim, at the right time, our traditional right of local control.

The failure of many communities to adequately meet local responsibility in education has made it necessary that such action be taken. Northfield in recent years has done a great deal to raise the educational standard of the community. However, we must not make the gross error of assuming that we have reached the zenith of perfection in matters educational.



Some of the problems needing greater attention in the nation and which will undoubtedly become the responsibility of the schools are:

1. More adequate follow up work in health training and service.
2. Improvement in nutrition through establishment of adequate lunch programs.
3. More adequate facilities for physical education with a more rounded program for the same.
4. Complete dental service for all youth through the 12th grade.
5. Vocational training for all pupils not preparing for college. Such training of a direct nature so that skills are acquired that will assure the student of getting a job at an adequate living wage in those industries in his own or in nearby communities.

In Northfield we do well with item No. 2, very little with items 1, 3, 5, and nothing beyond the sixth grade in item No. 4.

Since health education is one of our important functions I feel it deserves first consideration of a list of needs. Due to the shortage of dentists much of our clinical work has been dropped. This is unfortunate. It is true that families have more money than in the past, but the work as recommended by our dental examinations is not being done. The only solution to the problem seems to be a return of clinical service at the earliest possible date.

Our winter physical education program is inadequate. During rainy weather and when the playground is deep with snow, it is almost impossible to turn 280 pupils loose to play outdoors at recess. Wet clothing, shoes and feet, leading to colds would be the result. Consequently during the winter months little real physical education is carried on. The only solution to this problem is a gymnasium so constructed and situated as to be suitable for all our pupils. A survey of attendance at sports events in the United States shows that basketball is far in the lead. This is because almost every town has high school and club teams. Such a building, a living memorial to the men of this war, would be a splendid addition to the education and recreational facilities of Northfield.

I don't approve of very young children walking long distances to school. Our climate is too severe. Replacement of the

bus service curtailed by O.D.T. in 1942 should be done as soon as restrictions are lifted.

The Connecticut Valley is primarily an agricultural section. There exists in our school a need for vocational agricultural training for boys. It would be fitting for one of the two high schools in Union #23 to make plans for such an addition to the curriculum in the post-war planning.

### **Maintenance**

Very few major repairs and improvements were necessary this year.

A new electric motor was needed for the return pump in the high school heating system.

The floors in the upper hall, the south-east class room and the principal's office in the high school were sanded and re-finished.

The roadway and play area south of the building was surfaced with tar.

In 1945 the floors in the laboratory and main room should be sanded and refinished thus completing this work that we started four years ago.

Our road department recommends another coat of tar next summer to seal our roadway.

The boardwalk between the buildings should be replaced with a concrete walk soon.

The wood trim on the exterior of the Center School should be repainted during the coming year.

### **Age at Admission to First Grade**

Educational experience has shown that it is not wise to admit pupils indiscriminately to the first grade. Since the room comfortably seats 35 pupils and since this is adequate teaching load at this level, the following rules were adopted by the School Committee effective September 1944.

1. All pupils to be admitted, under seven years of age, are to be examined by the pre-school clinic.

2. The age of admission to the first grade shall be 5 years, 8 months (six years January 1), but the Superintendent may, at his discretion, admit younger pupils who have attained the mental age of 6 years as determined by the pre-school clinic, provided such pupils are at least five years, six months of age chronologically.

## Financial

Education is Northfield's biggest municipal enterprise. It is also our most expensive project. Citizens would do well to keep in mind that it is a community investment from which we receive a return not measurable in dollars but in the making of better citizens with a higher standard of living than any generation in the history of our nation.

The School Committee is conscientious in its efforts to obtain the most possible for the youth of the town with the funds at its disposal. A budget is carefully prepared and as carefully adhered to as is possible in these difficult times. In spite of the Government's attempt to prevent inflation there has been a substantial increase in the cost of essential materials and services for education. In the 1943 report I wrote of the new law requiring towns of \$2,500,000 valuation to pay a minimum salary of \$1200 per year to teachers and that those of less valuation must pay a minimum of \$1000. This latter clause is ineffective since most applicants expect the \$1200 minimum salaries and the small town is thus forced to pay a beginning salary of \$1200 to new teachers.

That commodities are much higher in cost is indicated by the following examples:

Paper towels, which are now classified as a must in our health program, have increased from \$3.45 per case in 1942 to as high as \$5.50 per case this year.

Floor preparations have increased up to 25%. Cleaning compounds 10 to 15%. In many cases substitute brands at higher prices have taken the place of standard products. Many products we use are not controlled by O.P.A. ceiling prices.

The School Department has an unexpended balance of \$47.72. The salary increases necessary to retain our teaching staff and to obtain new teachers will make it necessary for the department to expend approximately \$3,100.00 more in 1945. By curtailing expenditures in other items the net increase in our budget will be \$2,400.

### Enrolment by Grades, October 1, 1944

Grades	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total
Boys	17	27	15	16	12	13	23	15	13	7	7	5	170
Girls	18	10	18	17	18	22	9	14	12	12	14	7	171
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Totals	35	37	33	33	30	35	32	29	25	19	21	12	341



## Census Report

The annual census of children in town between the ages of 5 and 16 was taken as of October 1, 1944, as required by law.

	Boys	Girls	Total
Between ages 5-7	36	29	65
Between 7-16	145	139	284
Total	181	168	349

## SCHOOL ORGANIZATION

### High School

Name	Subject or Grade	Where Educated
Chester R. Parker	Principal	Bates College, A.B.
	Mathematics	
	Social Studies	
	Economics	
Evelyn G. Lawley	Assistant Principal	Smith College, A.M.
	Mathematics	*Massachusetts State College
	Pre-Flight	*Boston University
Helen L. Thompson	Latin	Middlebury College, A.B.
	History	
Adeline L. O'Neil	English	Trinity College, A.B.
	Spanish	
Gloria T. Kosciusko	Household Arts	Mass. State College, B.S.
	Biology	
Mary M. Smyth	Commercial	Lady of The Elms, A.B.
		Springfield Civil Service
		Commercial School

### Center School

George M. Leonard	Principal	Bridgewater State Teachers' College, B.S.
	Science	
	Mathematics	*Boston University
Dorothy O. Totman	Assistant Principal	Fitchburg Normal
	Grade 4	*University Extension
Ruth W. Bolton	Grade 1	Fitchburg Normal
Elizabeth G. Braley	English, Gr. 6, 7, 8	Northfield Seminary
		*North Adams Normal
		*Castleton Normal
		*Hyannis Normal
		*Fitchburg Norman
Dorothy W. Clough	Grade 2	*University Extension
		Westfield Normal

Mary E. Dalton	Grade 3	*Massachusetts State College *Hyannis Normal *University Extension *Northfield Seminary
Evelyn H. Parker	Social Studies Music	Fitchburg Normal
Helen L. Scherlin	Grade 5	Castleton Normal
Marion W. Goodspeed	Music Supervisor	N. E. Conservatory

### School Custodians

Leo Fortier	Appointed 1944
Frank P. Britton	Center School Assistant

### In Conclusion

The personnel of the School Department have confidence in the future of our town. Our principal objective of making good citizens with a democratic viewpoint based on that conceived by the founders of our nation is being achieved. The complete reports of the high school principal, nurse and physician are included. I recommend them for your perusal.

To the numerous organizations and persons who have contributed to our school activities in many ways I am grateful. I personally want to thank the School Committee and the members of the staff who have helped to make our schools good schools.

Respectfully Submitted,

ROBERT N. TAYLOR  
Superintendent of Schools.



# SCHOOL'S FINANCIAL REPORT

## Expenditures

### Administrative:

Supt. Robert N. Taylor, Salary	\$ 1,220.00	
Expenses	40.00	
Clerks' Salaries		
Genevieve H. Wozniak	196.00	
Helen L. Deane	122.50	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,578.50

### Medical:

F. Wilton Dean, M.D.	\$ 150.00	
Catherine Williams, R.N.	175.00	
Euphrasia A. Purrington, R.N.	75.00	
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### Janitors' Salaries:

Donald B. Finch	\$ 562.50	
Leo Fortier	971.78	
Frank Britton	522.00	
Edward Fortier	183.00	
Greenfield Cleaning Co.	62.90	
Philip Huber	21.00	
Norman Bolton	13.75	
David Powell	21.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,357.93

### Teachers' Salaries

Roland E. Currier	\$1,380.00
Chester R. Parker	1,000.00
Evelyn G. Lawley	1,640.00
Julia B. Austin	900.00
Helen L. Thompson	600.00
Adeline L. O'Neil	1,306.50
Gladys A. Midura	780.00
Mary M. Smyth	520.00
Helen J. Gilmore	240.00
Charlotte Johnson	414.00
Gloria T. Kosciusko	520.00
George M. Leonard	1,590.00
Dorothy O. Totman	1,140.00
Elizabeth G. Braley	1,090.00
Esther M. Leonard	630.00
Mary E. Dalton	1,090.00
Priscilla Hayward	600.00
Helen L. Scherlin	460.00
Elizabeth M. Alexander	600.00
Dorothy W. Clough	475.00
Ruth W. Bolton	1,087.37

Mrs. George Sheldon	328.50
Mrs. Willis Parker	108.00
Elizabeth Mayberry	40.00
Eleanor Parker	24.00
Lois Russell	20.00
Marion Goodspeed	441.00
W. L. Rinehart	350.00
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	\$19,374.37

Transportation:

Helen L. Black	\$ 800.00
James B. Dresser	800.00
The Northfield	5,165.00
Elizabeth M. Alexander	39.60
Carolyn Avery	2.40
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	\$ 6,807.00

Supplies: Students

Supt. Vernon S. Ames	\$ 13.10
American Education Press, Inc.	4.59
Edward E. Babb	115.42
Beaudette and Co.	7.73
Illinois Biological Supply Co.	18.85
Boston Music Co.	4.88
Cascade Paper Co.	86.74
Cambosco Scientific Co.	34.66
Castle Films, Inc.	6.48
Civic Education Service	6.00
Clarke Hardware Co.	116.50
The Clearing House	5.00
F. Wilton Dean, M.D.	3.17
C. B. Dolge Co.	21.25
Little Frank Stores	4.88
Gledhill Bros.	40.07
C. A. Gregory Co.	5.45
J. L. Hammett Co.	123.50
H. T. Janes	.50
Johnson & Johnson	2.25
Charlotte Johnson	.40
March of Time	20.00
The Macmillan Co.	35.89
Mittag and Volger	13.00
Papercrafters, Inc.	149.44
State Prison Colony	2.50
Public School Publishing Co.	2.72
Row, Peterson & Co.	13.63
The Northfield Pharmacy	1.93
School Service Co.	1.17
O. H. Toothaker	10.08
Visual Education Service, Inc.	16.17

Society for Visual Education	2.00	
Robert N. Taylor	.45	
W. M. Welch Mfg. Co.	20.92	
South-Western Publishing Co.	9.87	
John Wilson and Co.	2.40	
World Book Company	36.16	
	<hr/>	\$ 959.75
Supplies: Janitors'		
The Brush Shop	\$ 11.00	
Cascade Paper Co.	82.50	
C. B. Dolge Co.	24.62	
Du-Ev Products Co., Inc.	220.89	
Eastern Textiles Co.	8.10	
Geerpres Wringer, Inc.	1.20	
J. I. Holcomb Mfg. Co.	40.82	
F. A. Irish	4.03	
George N. Kidder, Dr.	.60	
W. D. Miller	72.13	
State Prison Colony	1.28	
Sears, Roebuck & Co.	6.05	
Sanascent Company	5.86	
Montgomery Ward	7.10	
	<hr/>	\$ 486.18
Supplies: Domestic Science		
Avery's Store	\$ 13.40	
Helen J. Gilmore	6.72	
F. A. Irish	.81	
John Wilson and Co.	.95	
	<hr/>	\$ 21.88
Tuition: Vocational		
Greenfield, Town of	\$ 759.38	
Smith's Agricultural School	21.68	
	<hr/>	\$ 781.06
Textbooks:		
Allyn and Bason	\$ 1.78	
American Book Co.	49.47	
American School Board Journal	1.00	
Beckley-Cardy Co.	1.33	
C. C. Birchard and Co.	2.84	
The Blakiston Co.	6.13	
Denoyer-Geppert Co.	.55	
Follett Book Co.	3.52	
Ginn and Co.	16.09	
Gregg Publishing Co.	11.47	
E. M. Hale and Co.	9.98	
Harper Bros.	3.16	
Henry Holt and Co.	10.89	
D. C. Heath	33.46	
Houghton and Mifflin	19.17	

L. W. Singer Co.	160.09	
Macmillan Company	22.06	
McGraw-Hill Book Co.	2.30	
Noble and Noble	1.27	
Pan American Union	1.00	
Robbins Music Co.	37.80	
Row, Peterson and Co.	113.10	
New York State Teachers' Ass.	.50	
Georgia School Book Depository, Inc.	.78	
Silver Burdett and Co.	72.96	
Scott Foresman Co.	11.78	
Charles Scribners Sons	.55	
O. H. Toothaker	9.50	
Webster Publishing Co.	7.57	
World Almanac	1.70	
	<hr/>	\$ 613.80
Water and Current:		
Western Mass. Electric Co.	\$ 732.75	
Northfield Water Company	105.36	
	<hr/>	\$ 838.11
Fuel:		
Charles F. Peck Co.	\$ 84.00	
G. O. Dunnell	2,122.02	
Franklin Fuel Co.	12.00	
Northfield Seminary	63.56	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,281.58
Repairs:		
Leavis and Bolton	\$ 37.25	
C. H. Demond and Co.	7.50	
Evans Bros.	6.25	
Leo Fortier	.35	
Sidney H. Given	1.50	
Holden Martin Lumber Co.	3.89	
Johnson Service Company	1.16	
George N. Kidder	3.15	
Franklin County Lumber Co.	6.56	
Western Mass. Elec. Co.	8.53	
W. D. Miller	165.16	
Morgan's Garage	27.82	
The Nash Engineering Co.	47.71	
The H. B. Smith Co.	.83	
Peter St. Cyr	30.20	
	<hr/>	\$ 347.86
New Equipment:		
Cinema	\$ 86.21	
Massachusetts Reformatory	73.83	
Middlesex County House of Correction	12.35	
	<hr/>	\$ 172.39

Sundry Educational Expense:

Frank W. Anderson	85.50
Elizabeth G. Braley	16.00
Tracy R. Burdick	8.14
Commissioner of Public Safety	15.00
Roland E. Currier	11.82
Mrs. Henry A. Johnson	12.30
Johnson and Johnson	11.92
George M. Leonard	11.39
National Educational Association	1.40
New England Tel. and Tel. Co.	147.75
Chester R. Parker	1.50
Euphrasia A. Purrington, R.N.	.30
Laurence D. Quinlan, Postmaster	9.00
Greenfield Recorder-Gazette	10.91
Northfield Seminary	2.19
Helen L. Scherlin	16.00
Helen M. Stearns	15.00
Robert N. Taylor	23.26
Greenfield, Town of	12.00
Martin E. Vorce	4.50
Professor W. A. Wells	15.00
Pro-Merito Society	1.00
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	\$ 431.87

Total Expenditures \$37,452.28

1944 Appropriation	\$37,500.00
1944 Expended	37,452.28

Unexpended Balance	<hr/>	\$ 47.72
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Special Appropriation

1943-4 Fuel

Appropriated	\$ 845.00
Payments:	
G. O. Dunnell	845.00
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	0.00

Special Appropriation For Surfacing Roadway

Appropriated	\$ 400.00
Payments:	
Northfield, Town of	
Road Department	391.81
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Unexpended	\$ 8.19



### Itemized Summary of Accounts

Superintendent	\$ 1,220.00	\$ 1,220.00	\$ 1,285.00
Administrative Expense	40.00	40.00	40.00
Clerk	336.00	318.50	315.00
Teachers' Salaries	19,005.00	19,024.37	21,720.00
Textbooks	400.00	613.80	400.00
Supplies:			
Student	550.00	959.75	500.00
Domestic Science	75.00	21.88	75.00
Janitors'	300.00	486.18	350.00
Salaries: Janitors'	2,316.00	2,357.93	2,466.00
Fuel	2,880.00	2,281.58	2,440.00
Water and Current	800.00	838.11	800.00
Transportation	7,000	6,807.00	7,000.00
Repairs	400.00	347.86	400.00
New Equipmet	150.00	172.39	50.00
Medical: Physician	150.00	150.00	150.00
Nurse	250.00	250.00	250.00
Sundry Ed. Expense	408.00	431.87	400.00
Penmanship	350.00	350.00	350.00
Tuition: Vocational	870.00	781.06	870.00
Totals	<u>\$37,500.00</u>	<u>\$37,452.86</u>	<u>\$39,861.00</u>

### Net Cost of Schools 1944

#### Expended by School Department, 1944

Regular Appropriation	\$37,452.28
Special Appropriation (Fuel)	845.00
Special Appropriation (Surfacing Roadway)	391.81
Total	<u>\$38,689.09</u>

#### State of Massachusetts reimbursements

School Fund, Part I, November 20, 1944	\$ 3,195.00
School Fund, Part II, March 10, 1944	5,865.85
Vocational Tuition	145.00
State Wards; Tuition and Transportation	*0.00
Superintendent's salary and travel	676.67
	<u>\$ 9,882.52</u>

#### Other receipts: Tuition and Transportation from:

Town of Vernon, Vermont	\$ 142.00
American Youth Hostel	81.00
Harold Gould	47.20
Refund	7.00
Telephone	4.81
Total Receipts	<u>\$10,164.53</u>
Net Cost of Schools	<u>\$28,524.56</u>

\* This item was not received by the town treasurer by December 31. The amount claimed in 1944 is \$1,084.64.

# Financial Report, Center School Lunch Room

January-December, 1944

DOROTHY O. TOTMAN, Treasurer

Balance for 1943	\$ 67.49
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## Receipts:

Lunches	2,501.60
Food Distribution Administration	2,286.96
Interest	1.84
Food	3.66
Gift	1.00
Misc. (reimbursement on egg cases, etc.)	3.50
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	\$ 4,866.05

## Expenses:

Workers	\$ 1,184.45
Groceries	3,482.76
Equipment	83.77
Express, Service Charges	18.62
Administrative Expense	6.30
Reserve Equipment Fund	50.00
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	\$ 4,825.90

Balance January 1, 1945	\$ 40.15
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Lunches Served	30,400
Milk Served	27,963
Lunches Paid by Health Council	341
Milk Paid by Health Council	151

REPORT OF THE

## High School Principal

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Mr. Robert N. Taylor, Superintendent of Schools  
Northfield, Massachusetts

I herewith submit my first annual report as principal of Northfield High School.

School opened September 6, 1944, with an enrolment of 79 pupils. The enrolment was divided as follows: Seniors, 12; Juniors, 21; Sophomores, 21; Freshmen, 25.

This year the school is once more brought face to face with the problems of the war. Many of our students will go directly into the armed forces. Those who are not going into the armed forces must be prepared for occupations essential to the war effort. This means there must be more emphasis on mathematics, sciences, commercial subjects and physical training. The schools must meet the demands of war the same as any industry. We can, fortunately, meet all of these demands at the present time except for physical training and we are handicapped in that field by a lack of indoor space for winter activities.

We have continued the aviation science course with an enrollment of 10. It is very popular with the upper-class boys. Our physics course is organized so that it covers most of the material suggested in the pre-induction training courses outlined by the war department.

We are, I believe, the first school in this section of the state to take advantage of the vocational courses sponsored by the federal government and heartily endorsed by the Army Training Command for all boys. Thirteen boys are taking a course in automotive mechanics at the Greenfield Vocational School two afternoons a week. They get six hours of instruction a week. They provide their own transportation and the federal government pays their tuition. The course is very practical and they are receiving excellent training.

Nine girls are taking a course in Home Nursing under the direction of Mrs. Hazel Anderson, R.N. They have made one trip

to visit the laboratory at Massachusetts State College and they have had several special speakers give lectures.

This fall the physical education program was organized with baseball and later touch football for the boys. The girls played softball and some volleyball. This winter our program will be very limited unless we can arrange for some skating, hockey, or skiing.

The twenty-seven minutes that were added to the school day help immeasurably. The program has been re-arranged so that there are eight forty-minute periods every day. The eighth period is used as an activity period for music, Glee Club, assemblies, physical training, home nursing and club work.

The school has profited much and will profit more in the future from the motion picture projector purchased by the Teachers' Club. This projector together with the film-strip projector we already had, gives us a good start toward building up an adequate visual education program.

All of the students have been given a physical examination by the doctor and vision tests by the nurse.

Student activities have been encouraged as much as possible. Each class has sponsored an assembly program. The annual magazine drive was exceptionally successful. The Senior Play was presented under the direction of Miss O'Neil. It was well attended and the proceeds will be used for the class trip. There are 44 students in the Glee Club under Mrs. Goodspeed. They have put on one assembly program and are planning for an Operetta later in the year. The school has purchased to date \$755.45 worth of War Saving Stamps and Bonds and is entitled to fly the Minute Man Flag as 90% or more of the students have bought stamps each month since September.

In conclusion I wish to thank you Mr Taylor, and the members of the School Committee for your help and interest in our work at the high school.

Respectfully Submitted,

CHESTER R. PARKER.

Principal.



REPORT OF THE  
**School Physician**

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To the Superintendent of Schools and the School Committee:

Herewith I submit the report of the school physician for the year 1944. I am glad to report that aside from the usual annual physical examinations very little has happened to disturb the health of the pupils this year. We have so far been free from any major epidemics. A few questionable contacts with scarlet fever and a few suspicious eruptions were seen in my office mornings before school, but we have encountered no real trouble.

In the spring a diphtheria immunization clinic was held at the town hall, primarily for the pre-school children. It is interesting to check over the records and note that the majority of the school children have now been protected against diphtheria.

In October the annual physical examination of the pupils in the Center and High Schools was performed with the assistance of Miss Purrington, the newly returned school nurse. A list of the defects found follows:

Defective teeth	61	Poor posture	9
Diseased tonsils	16	Deafness	2
Flat feet	52	Overweight	2
Enlarged glands	14	Poor eyesight	104
Speech defects	10	(Slight 71    Marked 33)	
Poor nutrition	13	Heart trouble	1

The number and type of defects found this year varies considerably from last year. The number of defective teeth has more than doubled probably largely because of no dental clinic last year. The number of cases of poor vision is very high compared to previous reports, but the method of examination has been greatly improved. This year an elaborate new vision test was used and is greatly superior to previous tests. I hope more attention will be paid to eyes. In several cases this year vision was found to be the cause of poor work on the part of a student. Aside from defective teeth, I feel that the general health of the



pupils is better this year than last, and I feel that this may be due in no small measure to the hot lunches the children get at noon. I feel that the school lunch program as now carried out is most beneficial.

This next month a new and most valuable venture is to be tried out in Northfield. As a part of the nation-wide campaign against tuberculosis, every child and teacher in the school system is to have a chest x-ray. This will be done by doctors from the Westfield State Sanatorium. Chest x-rays are the only way to find T.B. in the early and curable stages, and I hope every one will cooperate.

I wish to thank the Superintendent, teachers and school nurses for their help and cooperation.

Respectfully Submitted,

F. WILTON DEAN, M. D.

School Physician.

REPORT OF THE  
**School Nurse**

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To the Superintendent of Schools and the School Committee of the Town of Northfield:

I herewith submit the annual report of the school nursing work from January 1, 1944 to January 1, 1945.

The following is a report of the work completed by Mrs. Dean Williams from January 1, 1944 to October 1, 1944:

Number of individual inspections	2,597
Number of pupils excluded	51
Number of other inspections	258
Number of consultations with teachers	35
Number of consultations with parents in school	2
Number of children taken home	18
Number of field visits for school children	124

October 1, 1944 to January 1, 1945:

The routine preparation for health examinations was continued from that completed by Mrs. Williams.

A brief outline of the work of the school nurse should be of interest to all parents as well as town's people.

1. Routine preparation for health examinations.
  - a. Preparing pupils for each activity is important.
  - b. Weighing and measuring.
  - c. Testing eyes and ears.
2. Assistance given doctor at time of examination.
3. Communicable disease control.
4. Assistance and encouragement given in correction of defects found.
5. First Aid treatment during school hours.
6. Record made of findings in regard to these activities on each individual pupil's health card.

Hygiene-personal, including dental is important in preventing diseases. We find on general inspection this Fall that practically every classroom had improved in this respect. Better posture is one practise which I feel we need to constantly keep before our children. Diseases many times are best prevented by general health measures as proper food, rest, and hygienic living conditions.

This fall every pupil throughout the school system has been tested by means of the Massachusetts Vision testing machine. The testing was very much speeded up by the very efficient assistance of members of the Northfield Health Council. However, in spite of this it has taken over twice as long as the old method of testing.

Through the State Department of Public Health I have been able to make arrangements through Dr. Houser for chest x-rays of all High School Pupils and teachers.

As it was necessary to conserve on heat and because the public Health Nurse's room, at the town hall was needed by members of the Rationing Board it seemed best, for the time being, for the nurse's town records to be moved to Center School. This does not alter the town nurse's duties or time in regard to her town work.

It has been a pleasure to be again back in Northfield and carry on, in this short time, the work of the school nurse.

I wish to thank Mr. Taylor, Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Dean, School Physician, and all others who have assisted me.

Respectfully Submitted,

EUPHRASIA PURRINGTON, R.N.

REPORT OF THE

## Trustees of Dickinson Memorial Library

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As we present our report we are constrained to express our grateful appreciation of the years of faithful service of the men and women who in former days gave so generously of their time, thought, effort and means to make our Library possible.

Your Library Trustees, Librarian and Janitor have, throughout the year 1944, diligently endeavored to carry on the work in such a way that the ideals, set up in the past, might be maintained and developed and the Library continue to be a help and source of pleasure to the townspeople, summer residents and visitors.

The Book Committee has labored to continue the supply of new books.

We wish to thank the friends of the Library who have shown their interest by the gift of books and in other helpful ways.

We regret that because of the condition of his health Mr. Frank H. Montague found it necessary to resign as Trustee and on account of leaving town Mr. S. E. Walker has also resigned.

These gentlemen rendered valuable service to the Library over a period of years and we miss them. Their places have been taken by Mr. J. W. Field and Prof. H. H. Morse.

The appropriation voted at the last Town Meeting made it possible to employ a full-time Librarian. This service began March 1st and, subject to fuel supply, the Library is now open five days a week including three evenings.

Miss Jean Giebel, who began her work as Librarian June 15, 1943 and became full-time Librarian March 1, 1944, on account of her approaching marriage, resigned November 18, 1944.

Miss Giebel with her skill as trained Librarian did much to develop and enlarge the sphere of the Library's service. The Trustees wish to express their appreciation of her work.

Miss Lucy M. Eveleth, a graduate of the Library School of Simmons College, became Librarian December 26th and brings to the work much experience in public library administration.

In the interval between Miss Giebel's resignation and Miss Eveleth's arrival, Mrs. Austin Phelps cared for the Library.



Mr. Carl Mason, because of poor health, resigned as Janitor.

The Trustees wish to express their appreciation of Mr. Mason's intelligent and earnest devotion to the best interests of the Library.

Mr. Frank C. Britton began his services as Janitor July 20th.

During the year new shelves have been placed in the alcove of the Reading Room. Exhibits have been replaced and pictures rehung.

The hall and stairway, also the South room of the second floor, have been redecorated.

By grouping available shelves in the Southeast basement room a much needed storeroom has been secured.

The grounds of the Library have been improved.

When our men and women, now serving the Nation, return, we all hope the Library, in full use, will have a large place in their welcome home.

To the Sons and Daughters and Friends of Northfield—wherever you may be—we should like to say that one of the best methods of showing your love for Northfield is by enlarging the endowment of the Dickinson Memorial Library through liberal gifts today and a legacy in your will.

Respectfully submitted,

C. INA MERRIMAN, Chairman  
MARY G. PARKER  
MERCY A. BRANN  
JOSEPH W. FIELD  
HORACE H. MORSE  
ROBERT BONNER JACK

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### LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

During 1944, there were 434 books added to the library; 218 books of adult fiction, 57 books of adult non-fiction, and 159 juvenile books. Of these, 319 titles were purchased and 29 given.

The total circulation of books was 14,760: Adult, 8,915; juvenile, 4,865; state, 980. Magazines circulated, 787.

Beginning June 6th, the library was opened 5 days each week; previous to that date, only 3 days a week.

Yours respectfully,

LUCY M. ELEVETH, Librarian.



REPORT OF THE  
**Board of Assessors**  
For the Year Ending December 31, 1944

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Value of Real Estate	\$1,679,803.00
Value of Personal Estate	214,313.00
Rate per \$1,000	\$ 35.00
Polls assessed	659
Motor excise commitment	2,721.78
Number of horses assessed	72
Number of cattle assessed	1,074
Number of swine	19
Number of goats assessed	14
Number of fowl assessed	5,556
Number of sheep assessed	16

**Appropriations**

Appropriations from available funds, May 25, 1943:

Convert oil burning equipment of Center School to coal burning equipment from excess and deficiency	\$ 2,000.00
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Appropriations from available funds, Nov. 23, 1943:

Erection and maintenance of temporary honor roll from excess and deficiency	350.00
Snow Account from Chapter 81 Road appropriation	812.00

Appropriations from available funds, February 7, 1944:

Road machinery fund from machinery account	\$ 1,800.00
Old age assistance from surplus revenue	8,000.00
New grade school debt note from surplus revenue	4,500.00
Road and highways and Chapter 81 from available funds	8,126.00
Reserve fund from overlay surplus	1,900.00
Legion room expansion and alterations from surplus revenue	1,500.00
U. S. Bonds from available funds	10,000.00

Painting, repairing, and building fence Mount Hermon Cemetery from cemetery lot fund	200.00
School buildings fuel 1943-44 from surplus revenue	845.00

Appropriations to be raised by taxation

February 7, 1944:	
Northfield Farms Library	50.00
Tree Warden	75.00
Street lighting	2,971.56

Highway tools	100.00
Schools	37,500.00
Treasurer's salary	600.00
Treasurer's expense account	100.00
Bridges	600.00
Soldiers' Relief	1,200.00
Alexander Hall	150.00
Animal inspection	125.00
Fire department	1,700.00
Maintenance water holes	100.00
Dept. Public Welfare	5,000.00
Aid to dependent children	1,000.
Town Clerk's salary	250.00
Town Clerk's expense account	40.00
Selectmen's salary	600.00
Selectmen's expense account	100.00
Old age assistance	8,000.00
Public Welfare clerk	150.00
School committee salary	150.00
Inspection meat and slaughtering	150.00
Election and registrations	500.00
Fire and casualty insurance	1,200.00
Sealer of weights and measures	150.00
Accountant's salary	600.00
Accountant's expense account	35.00
Assessors' salary	600.00
Assessors' expense account	50.00
Town Hall care	1,600.00
Public health	250.00
Interest account	600.00
Moderator and Counsel	250.00
Town clock and fountain	120.00
Town reports	300.00
Bonds and damages	400.00
Snow removal and sanding	3,500.00
Tax Collector's salary	400.00
Tax Collector's expense account	100.00
Dickinson Memorial Library	2,500.00
Gypsy moth extermination	825.00
Community nurse	1,400.00
Community nurse's expense account	50.00
Railings	300.00
Cemeteries	600.00
Road and highways and Chapter 81	4,063.00
Chapter 90 road maintenance	500.00
Memorial Day exercises	125.00
Care of athletic field	125.00
Dump clean up expense	200.00
Clerk's salary for Aid to Dependent Children and Old Age Assistance	300.00

Constables' pay	200.00
Hydrant service	400.00
Tax title foreclosures	50.00
Forest patrol	100.00
Defense purposes	200.00
Ration Board maintenance	125.00
Oiling new school roadway	400.00

Total appropriations	\$123,862.56
State tax	3,751.00
State parks and reservations	79.49
State audit	267.67
County tax	4,706.07
County tax 1943 under estimate	900.67
Overlay	2,412.44
Gross amount to be raised	\$135,979.90

### Estimated Receipts and Available Funds

Income Tax	\$ 6,724.74
Corporation Taxes	3,088.74
Reimbursement—State owned land	186.64
Gasoline tax	5,158.40
Motor vehicle and trailer excise	2,000.00
Licenses	50.00
General government	200.00
Health and sanitation	200.00
Charities	5,000.00
Old age tax (meals)	472.27
Schools	5,000.00
Interest on taxes	100.00
American Youth Hostel's gift	150.00
Overestimate of previous year	
State parks and reservations	2.41
Transfers	40,033.00
Total estimated receipts and available funds	\$68,366.20
Net amount to be raised by taxation	\$67,613.70
Poll tax	\$ 1,318.00
Personal property tax	7,500.955
Real estate tax	58,793.105
Fractional gain on tax rate	1.64
Total taxes levied on polls and property	\$67,613.70

Respectfully submitted,

FRED S. MERRIFIELD  
CLIFFORD A. FIELD  
ERNEST A. PARKER

Assessors.

## REPORT OF CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

The cemetery commissioners of Northfield can report that the several cemeteries have been cared for during the past year.

The repair and painting of the Mt. Hermon fence has not been completed as we were unable to secure help to do the work.

Appropriation	\$ 600.00	
Interest fund	273.96	
	<hr/>	\$ 873.96
OK'd bills for the care of the cemeteries		873.49

Balance	\$ .47
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### Mt. Hermon Fence Repairs

Fence appropriation	\$ 200.00
Paid for labor and material	133.70

Unexpended credit	Balance	\$ 66.30
Work not completed but under construction.		
Received for the care of the Spofford lot Center Cemetery	\$	4.06
Labor and Material	\$	4.06

### Cash Received for Sale of Lots and Care

Name	Lot No.	Cemetery	Page	Price
Laura J. Chickering	39½	Center	351	\$ 15.00
Mary A. Bardwel Estate	A8	Center	352	35.00
Cullen and Pennock	215½	W. Northfield	353	\$15.00
Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Dowd	205	Center	354	1.00
Charles Mayberry	16	Mt. Hermon	355	25.00
Leon I. Taber	12	Mt. Hermon	356	25.00
Gertrude Delaney Potts	40	Center	357	25.00
Bronson & Harriot	A16	Center	358	33.00
Griggs & Newton	213 216	W. Northfield	359	50.00
Ambert G. Moody	A22 A30 A31	Center	360	1.00
George W. Moody	A24	Center	361	1.00
George W. Loos	A23	Center	362	1.00
A. Gordon Moody	A28	Center	363	1.00
Julia M. Murriman	A25	Center	364	1.00
Mrs. Marian Marcelles	A29	Center	365	1.00
Emily Chadwick	A35	Center	366	1.00
Fred Hale lot account				25.00
Received for care of Holton lot Mt. Hermon Cemetery				5.00
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				\$ 261.00
Paid to the Town of Northfield				261.00

GEORGE N. KIDDER  
CARLTON W. HOLTON  
JOSEPH J. BARTUS

Cemetery Commissioners.



REPORT OF THE  
**Town Clerk**

1944

**VITAL STATISTICS**

It is extremely important that the Vital Statistics record be complete and correct. If any errors or omissions are discovered the Clerk will deem it a favor to have them reported at once so that corrections may be made.

As required by Chapter 46, Section 15, General Laws of Massachusetts:

Notice is hereby given that the Town Clerk will furnish blanks for returns of births to parents, householders, physicians, and registered hospital officers applying for the same.

**Births in 1944**

Date	Name	Parents
Feb. 12	McKiernan, Kevin Barry	John F. and Jeannette L.
16	Browning, James Robert	Homer F., Jr., and Ethel R.
27	Stillborn	
Mar. 25	Miller, Kenneth Lee	Kenneth L. and Velma I.
Apr. 23	Kavanaugh, Patricia Eileen	Philip L. and Helen E.
27	Paradis, Anne Marjorie	Emile A. and June M.
28	Cembalisty, James Lee	Albert L. and Ruth M.
May 3	Huber, Ronald Alden	William C. and Catherine C.
23	Jordan, Ronald James	Paul G. and Annette C.
24	Wright, Raymond Wendell	Mark L. and Mildred M.
June 5	Quinlan, Kathryn	Raymond J. and Mary Elizabeth
7	Dzeima, Walter Michael	Joseph and Thelma B.
10	Stevens, Delight Elaine	Etna W. and Enide E.
14	Dean, Russell Frederick	Frank Wilton and Marion E.
16	Schryba, Patricia Ann	Stephen and Mary E.
20	Kugler, Eugene Stanley	Anthony A. and Jean B.
25	Walker Douglas Milton	William Cottle and Florence
July 10	Letwinsky, Kathleen Ann	Joseph and Katherine A.
14	LaBelle, Gerry Eugene	Alfred O. and Bernice F.
24	Holton, Frederick Ian	Philip C. and Georgia F.
Aug. 1	Gillison, Leonard William	Leonard W. and Ruth M.
17	Mayberry, Jonathon Gordon	Paul M. and Elizabeth G.



Sept. 3	Czernich, Walter Paul, Jr.	Walter P. and Josephine A.
18	Morey, Charles John	Willard A. and Charlotte G.
Oct. 2	Leonard, Gail Morgan	George M. and Esther M.
4	Fisher, Grace Elizabeth	John R. and Faith M.
27	Hutchinson, Ethel May	Arthur W. and Inez E.
28	Wabeke, Elizabeth Henriette	Bertus H. and Emily R.
Nov. 2	Messier, Charlene Roberta	Charles W. and Phyllis G.
13	Fuller, Janice Eileen	Robert L. and Beverly
27	Marcy, Timothy Paul	Lawrence E. and Hazel F.

### Marriages in 1944

Date	Name	Residence	Place of Marriage
Feb. 7	Schepp, Robert Hilbert	Hatfield, Mass.	Greenfield, Mass.
	Johnson, Grace Louise	Northfield, Mass.	
12	Newton, Fred Eugene	Northfield, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
	Black, Alice Elizabeth	Northfield, Mass.	
19	Witalisz, John Alexander	Northfield, Mass.	Montague, Mass.
	Yez, Sophie Mary	Erving, Mass.	
21	Taylor, Warren Milo	W. Brattleboro, Vt.	Northfield, Mass.
	Laplante, Louise Hale	W. Brattleboro, Vt.	
Apr. 2	Randall, Robert Almond	Northfield, Mass.	East Boston, Mass.
	Butler, Marguerite	East Boston, Mass.	
8	Czernich, Walter Paul	Erving, Mass.	Greenfield, Mass.
	Sliwa, Josephine Ann	Northfield, Mass.	
May 1	Miller, Eugene Lucien	Northfield, Mass.	South Vernon, Vt.
	Allen, Mary Elizabeth	Gill, Mass.	
6	Kulis, Joseph Edward	Millers Falls, Mass.	Montague, Mass.
	Bartus, Victoria Elizabeth	Northfield, Mass.	
13	Sullivan, Richard Vincent	Manitowoc, Wisc.	Northfield, Mass.
	Cromack, Yvette C. (Pine)	Greenfield, Mass.	
22	Terry, Carl Anthony, Sr.	Hyannis, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
	Zaglio, Adeline Louise	Bridgeport, Conn.	
June 18	Garello, Francis Andrew	Northfield, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
	Nichols, Jane	Northfield, Mass.	
30	Finch, Carleton Kendrick	Northfield, Mass.	Arlington, Mass.
	Sinclair, Helen Arline	Arlington, Mass.	
July 19	Deane, Percy Raymond	Gill, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
	Field, Delphine Elizabeth	Northfield, Mass.	
23	Kimball, Norma Denison	Greenfield, Mass.	Greenfield, Mass.
	Tenney, Hazel Cora	Northfield, Mass.	
29	Smith, Albert Ellsworth	Northfield, Mass.	Orange, Mass.
	Wood, Gladys May	Orange, Mass.	
31	Bernard, Leonard Ray	Greenfield, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
	Costello, Mary Josephine	Greenfield, Mass.	
Aug. 27	Whitmore, Kenneth Mack	Athol, Mass.	Orange, Mass.
	Smith, Hazel Louise	Northfield, Mass.	
Sept. 9	Hutchins, Charles Leroy	Westminster, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
	Hitchcock, Florence Belle (Thompson)	Westminster, Mass.	

Oct.	5	Carr, Gordon Elliott	Northfield, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
		Spencer, Pauline Alexander	Northfield, Mass.	
	6	Brotherson, Charles Edward	Brooklyn, N. Y.	Northfield, Mass.
		Arner, Helen Gertrude	Brooklyn, N. Y.	
	7	Bolton, Kenneth Lewis	Northfield, Mass.	Deerfield, Mass.
		Schryba, Olga	Northfield, Mass.	
28		Holloway, Leonard Lee	Winchester, N. H.	Northfield, Mass.
		Rounds, Beryl Ella	Brattleboro, Vt.	
Nov.	23	Chapin, Charles Edward	Northfield, Mass.	Greenfield, Mass.
		Giebel, Jean Virginia	Northfield, Mass.	
Dec.	25	McNeil, Philip Rodgers	Northfield, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
		Heald, Grace Emily (Huber)	Northfield, Mass.	
	25	Smalley, George, Jr.	Northfield, Mass.	Winchester, N. H.
		Oliver, Elizabeth Helena	Winchester, N. H.	
29		Jeffrey, Merle	Walpole, N. H.	Northfield, Mass.
		Guest, Elaine	Walpole, N. H.	

### Deaths in 1944

Date	Name	Age		
		Yrs.	Mos.	Days
Jan. 4	Brown, George	83	6	23
Feb. 15	Kemp, Erlene Hall	7	1	18
	17 Stratton, Clarence	83	10	15
	27 Stillborn			
	29 Harriman, Selah Foster	63	10	—
Mar. 5	Scoble, Mary Wojner	58	8	21
	15 Lawrence, Susan Maria	86	4	9
	18 Chamberlin, Effie Stearns	54	7	9
	25 Chickering, Laurie Jeanette	80	4	23
	27 Pigott, Margaret	86	—	—
Apr. 28	Nye, George Edward	82	—	1
May 4	Sauter, Nella Forence (Tibbetts)	61	3	9
	9 Beecker, Antoinette Jacobi	81	2	15
	18 Courser, Elizabeth B.	74	4	23
	30 Stacy, Eva M. (Whitaker)	82	8	6
June 16	Abbott, Carol Ann	4	9	26
	16 Farnum, Arthur H.	75	4	15
	16 Anderson, George Fulton	56	10	11
	24 Scott, Julia A.	93	9	—
July 14	Feary, Clara Louise (Noerzagt)	73	3	23
	22 Canfield, Mary Frances	78	3	—
Aug. 23	Dow, Edna S.	87	—	—
Sept. 8	Benton, Sarah J.	78	5	1
	9 Griggs, Clarence John	60	1	26
Oct. 21	Smith, Leonard Richard	92	11	19
	21 Dwyer, Bertha A. (Levitt)	73	4	27
	22 Phelps, Philip T.	81	10	4
Nov. 20	Slate, George Henry	69	3	16
	22 Preston, Cora Bell (Holton)	88	—	25

## Dog Licenses Issued in 1944

Male Dogs	162
Female (Spayed)	56
Female	26
Special Kennel	4
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Total Licenses Issued	248

## Sporting Licenses Issued in 1944

Resident Fishing	80
Resident Hunting	93
Resident Trapping	6
Resident Combination	74
Resident Combination (Free)	21
Resident Women's and Minor's Fishing	37
Special Fishing	9
Non-Resident Hunting	3
Non-Resident Fishing	8
Non-Resident Fishing (Minor)	0
Duplicates	4
Non-Resident Military or Naval Service Sporting	1
Resident Military or Naval Service Sporting (Free)	16
Resident Old Age Assistance Fishing (Free)	0
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Total	352

JOSEPHINE S. HASKELL, Town Clerk.

## Copy of the Votes Taken on the Articles in the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting, Monday, February 7, 1944.

Article 1. Voted: To accept all reports as printed in the town report.

Article 2. Voted and chose by ballot all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year with the following results:

Town Clerk, 1 year	Josephine S. Haskell	127
Town Treasurer, 1 year	Charles F. Slate	130
Selectmen, 1 year	George W. Carr	123
	Fred A. Holton	117
	F. Myron Dunnell	123
	Hermon B. Fisher	1
Assessors, 3 years	James E. Dresser	1
	Clifford A. Field	127
	Alfred Holton	1
	William F. Hoehn	128
Moderator, 1 year		
School Committee		
Member, 3 years	Irving J. Lawrence	128
Cemetery Commissioner, 3 years	George N. Kidder	125

Cemetery Commissioner, 1 year	Joseph J. Bartus	117
	Ernest Nash	1
	Murray Hammond	1
Library Trustees, 3 years	Mercy A. Brann	123
	Joseph W. Field	125
Tree Warden, 1 year	Dean W. Williams	132
	Frank Anderson	1
Tax Collector, 1 year	Charles F. Slate	128
Constables at large, 1 year	Harry M. Haskell	125
	Herman A. Miner	119
	Martin E. Vorce	123
Constable, resident Northfield Farms, 1 year	Murray M. Hammond	127

Article 3. Voted: To authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1944 and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew such note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws: Any debt or debts incurred under this vote to be paid from the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1944.

Article 4.Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$50 for the use of the Library at Northfield Farms.

Article 5. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$75 to be used by the Tree Warden in the care and preservation of shade trees.

Article 6. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,971.56 for lighting the streets.

Article 7. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$100 for tools for highway work.

Article 8. Voted: To raise and appropriate the following amounts to defray town charges for the ensuing year:

For:

Schools	\$37,500.00
Treasurer's Salary	600.00
Treasurer's Expense Account	100.00
Bridges	600.00
Soldiers' Relief	1,200.00
Alexander Hall	150.00
Inspector of Animals	125.00
Fire Department	1,700.00
Maintenance of Water Holes	100.00
Department of Public Welfare	5,000.00
Aid to Dependent Children	1,000.00
Town Clerk's Salary	250.00
Town Clerk's Expense Account	40.00
Selectmen's Salary	600.00
Selectmen's Expense Account	100.00
Road Machinery Fund (Transferred from Machinery Act)	1,800.00



Old Age Assistance	16,000.00
(\$8,000.00 transferred from Surplus Revenue Account)	
Public Welfare Clerk	150.00
School Committee Salary	150.00
Inspection Meat and Slaughtering	150.00
Elections and Registrations	500.00
Fire and Casualty Insurance	1,200.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures	150.00
Accountant's Salary	600.00
Accountant's Expense Account	35.00
Assessors' Salaries	600.00
Assessors' Expense Account	50.00
Town Hall Care	1,600.00
Public Health	250.00
Interest Account	600.00
Moderator and Counsel	250.00
Town Clock and Fountain	120.00
Town Reports	300.00
Bonds and Damages	400.00
Snow Removal	3,500.00

Article 9. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sums of \$400.00 for salary, and \$100.00 for expense account for the Tax Collector.

Article 10. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 which shall include the dog tax refund and fines and fees, for the maintenance of Dickinson Memorial Library.

Article 11. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$825.00 to be used in the extermination of the Gypsy Moth.

Article 12. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,400.00 for Salary, and \$50.00 for Expense Account for a Community Nurse.

Article 13. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 to be used in putting up railing.

Article 14. Voted: To appropriate the sum of \$4,500.00 from Surplus Revenue to pay the note due on the new Grade School building debt.

Article 15. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$600.00 for the care and preservation of cemeteries.

Voted: To take up Article 37 in conjunction with Article 16.

Articles 16 and 37. Voted: That the sum of \$4,063.00 be raised and appropriated to meet the town's share of the cost of Chapter 81 Highways, and that in addition the sum of \$8,126.00 be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the treasury to meet the State's share of the cost of the work, the reimbursements from the State to be restored, upon their receipt, to unappropriated available funds in the treasury.

Article 17. Voted: To empower the Selectmen to defend the town in any suit brought against the town.

Article 18. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 to co-operate with the State and County in maintaining our Chapter 90 roads.



Article 19. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$125.00 for Memorial Day Exercises, the same to be expended under the direction of the American Legion.

Article 20. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$125.00 to be left with the Selectmen for the care of the Athletic Field.

Article 21. Voted: To authorize the Selectmen to close and clean up the dump near the F. A. Davis place, and arrange for a new dump according to the suggestion of Mr. Davis, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200 for that purpose.

Article 22. Voted: To authorize the Selectmen to appoint one of their members as clerk for the Aid to Dependent Children and Old Age Assistance, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 for salary for same, in accordance with Sec. 4a Chapter 41, General Laws.

Article 23. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 for Constable's pay.

Article 24. Voted: To accept the report of the Hydrant Committee and that the Hydrant Service Committee continue and make a further study of the Hydrant Service charges made by a representative number of towns similar to Northfield, and that this comparison of hydrant charges in writing be submitted at a future town meeting.

Article 25. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$400.00 for Hydrant Service for 15 hydrants, to be paid to the Northfield Water Company, for water supplying the hydrants for fire protection; the service to include providing water for extinguishing fires, and to maintain the property, painting the hydrants, flushing of same and clearing of snow making them easily accessible.

Article 26. Voted: To appropriate from Overlay Reserve Fund the sum of \$1,900.00 for a reserve fund for the current year.

Article 27. Voted: To accept a tract of land, Lot No. 8, in the addition south of the Center Cemetery, from Ambert G. Moody and instruct the Cemetery Commissioners to issue Cemetery deeds to such persons for such lots as are indicated on a plan filed with the deed.

Article 28. Voted: To accept from the American Youths Hostels, Inc., the sum of \$150.00 the same to be added by the Assessors to Estimated Receipts and Available Funds when setting the tax rate.

Article 29. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$50.00 to meet foreclosure costs on tax titles.

Article 30. Voted: To accept from Mary V. H. Slade the sum of \$100.00, the interest to be used for the perpetual care of the George Hastings and Dr. Stratton-White lot in the Center Cemetery.

Article 31. Voted: To accept the sum of \$100.00 from Retta R. Barrett, the interest to be used for the perpetual care of Lot No. 119½ in the Northfield Farms Cemetery.

Article 32. Voted: To appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00 from Surplus Revenue for the purpose of building a room adjoining the room now occupied by the American Legion in the Town Hall; and for making alterations for its quarters, the same to be expended under the direction of the Selectmen.

Articl 33. Voted: To appropriate or transfer from available funds in the treasury, the sum of \$10,000.00 for the purchase of war bonds or other bonds that are legal investments for savings banks, in order to establish a postwar rehabilitation fund; in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 5, Acts of 1943.

Article 34. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 for forest patrol. (Counted vote—Yes, 11; No, 9.)

Article 35. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 for defense purposes in connection with Massachusetts Committee on Public Safety.

Article 36. Voted: To appropriate \$200.00 from the Cemetery Lot Fund to repair or build a new fence and paint same at the Mount Hermon Cemetery.

Article 37. See Article 16.

Article 38. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$125.00 for Ration Board Maintenance.

Article 39. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$400.00 to oil the new roadway about the school buildings.

Article 40. Voted: To appropriate the sum of \$845.00 from Surplus Revenue for the 1943-44 fuel for school buildings.

Article 41. Voted: To accept the sum of \$100.00 for Myrtle E. Clapp, the interest to be used for the perpetual care of Lot No. 43 in the Northfield Farms Cemetery.

After the reading of the warrant by the clerk, Rev. Edw. C. Dahl of the Trinitarian Congregational Church gave the invocation.

At 12 o'clock noon the Moderator declared a recess from 12 to 1:15 P. M. for lunch; and from 1:15 to 2 P. M. for the dedication of the Honor Roll.

After the dedication the townsfolks assembled and the following interesting reports were given:

By Mr. L. O. Clapp a report of the Salvage Committee which turned into the town the net proceeds of \$494.36.

Mr. George McEwan gave a report of the year's work of the Civilian Defense organization.

Mr. Charles L. Johnson gave a report of the Rationing Board and War Price Panel for the past year.

Miss Elsie S. Scott, President, gave a report of the Northfield Historical Society.

These reports were placed on file.

Attest:

JOSEPHINE S. HASKELL, Town Clerk.

## Copy of the Votes Taken on the Articles in the Warrant for the Special Town Meeting, November 7, 1944.

Article 1. Voted: To appropriate from the Excess and Deficiency Account and transfer to the Old Age Assistance Account the sum of \$1,500.00.

Article 2. Voted: To accept the sum of two hundred dollars, in trust; one half of the income to be used for the care of George E. Nye Cemetery lot; and one half of said income to be used for the care of the Artemas Nye and Marshall Nye burial lot.

Article 3. Voted: To accept the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars from the Dorothy I. Bruce Estate, the income from the same to be used on plot No. A13½ in Center Cemetery.

Article 4. Voted: To accept the sum of one hundred dollars, the interest from the same to be used for perpetual care of John F. Rice lot in Center Cemetery.

Article 5. Voted: To authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen upon receipt of proper indemnification, to issue a duplicate note to replace the note #108 of the Town of Northfield, Coupon note 1% due September 1946; which note has become lost, mislaid or destroyed by Milford Savings Bank of Milford, Massachusetts, the holder thereof.

Attest:

JOSEPHINE S. HASKELL, Town Clerk.

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## Jury List 1944

Anderson, Albert J.  
Barber, Luman A.  
Billings, Glenn C.  
Bolton, Clifford L.  
Brown, John K.  
Buffum, Gordon C.  
Carr, George W.  
Cembalisty, Albert  
Clark, Ernest A.  
Dalton, William H.  
Dunnell, Leon H.  
Fisher, Hermon B.  
Forsaith, Ralph M.  
Gibson, Ralph V.  
Gingras, Harry L.

Greenwood, Roger M.  
Hammond, Laurence M.  
Johnson, Charles L.  
Lanphaer, Leonard N.  
Lawrence, Charles  
Lilly, Earl  
Mayberry, Paul M.  
McEwan, George  
Moody, A. Gordon  
Powell, Edward M.  
Reed, Francis B.  
Smoley, Stanley J.  
Ware, Verne C.  
Williams, Dean W.

## REPORT OF War Price and Rationing Board

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While the Northfield War Price and Rationing Board #229 is not strictly a Town Department, nevertheless it has conscientiously served this community since the need for Price Administration arose and boards were formed in January, 1942, and as a reference for future historians a report on its activities should not be amiss.

The year of 1944 has seen the issuance to Northfield citizens of the following totals of the more important rationed commodities: A books, 593; supplementary, special, non-highway and transport gas, 353,609 gallons; fuel oil, 453,630 gallons; passenger tires, 450; truck tires, 124; rubber boots, 38 pairs; stoves, 31; canning sugar, 26,660 pounds or 13½ tons.

The appropriation of \$125.00 has covered office supplies and the salary of Mrs. Robert D. Abbott, who was hired as part-time clerk on October 19th, when the OPA appropriations would no longer cover the salary of a part-time clerk under Civil Service.

With the close of the third year of rationing the growing importance of price control work has been recognized, and much credit must be given to the merchants of the town who have shown such cooperation in keeping prices at or below ceiling levels.

The names of the present active members of the Ration Board, that group of unpaid, patriotic citizens who have given their time and efforts so unselfishly in the administering of this war-time program, are as follows:

Charles L. Johnson, Chairman of the Board, served 36 months with 100% attendance.

Dr. Richard G. Holton, Chairman of Fuel Panel, served 36 months.

Dr. William E. Park, fuel oil panel, served 24 months.

George McEwan, Chairman of mileage panel, served 19 months.

Carl L. Mason, mileage panel, served 20 months.



Albert J. Anderson, Chairman of Price Panel, served 9 months.

A. Gordon Moody, Chairman of Foods Panel, served 9 months.

Louis Abbey, Community Service, served 7 months.

Mrs. David Hammond, price panel member, served 6 months.

Mrs. Alfred Holton, price panel member, served 6 months.

Mrs. Stanley Bistrek, who served 11 months as price panel member, resigned on November 25.

Mrs. Willis Parker, who served 13½ months as part-time clerk under Civil Service, resigned September 1.

Respectfully submitted,

SHIRLEY H. KEHL, Clerk of Board.

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## REPORT OF FIRE CHIEF AND FOREST FIRE WARDEN

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During the year 1944 the Fire Department answered 33 calls, 4 of which were buildings, 18 chimneys, 11 grass, brush and small fires.

We have been presented with a boat from a friend and paint for same from another, which now is fully equipped with grapple irons for emergency work. We have reorganized our first aid under the supervision of Eugene Cullum, hoping to be of more service to the community should occasion require.

I wish to thank all those who complied with the law to obtain permits for open fire which not only helps to save property but also saves expense to the taxpayer.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES L. JOHNSON,

Fire Chief and Forest Fire Warden.



REPORT OF THE  
**Public Health Nurse**

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A report of the work of the Public Health Nurse from January 1, 1944 to January 1, 1945.

Mrs. Dean Williams carried on from January 1, 1944 until October 1, 1944 and reports the usual work was done. Fees collected were \$83.50.

At the Diphtheria Clinic, held in April, 28 children were immunized against the disease.

The Well-Child Conference and pre-school registration were held at the same time at Center School in June. Dr. Olsen of Colrain did the examining. A great deal of follow-up was done. Several trips were made to the Chest and Pediatric Clinics at the Franklin County Public Hospital. One patient was taken to Millers Falls.

October 1, 1944 to January 1, 1945

Morbidity—Chronic cases: New 13, Carried over 15, Visits 109. Acute: Cases 18, Visits 99.

MaternityAntepartum: Cases 3, Visits 5; Newborn: Cases 5, Visits 24.

Health Supervision—Infant: Cases 6, Visits 18. Adult: Cases 5, Visits 11, Tuberculosis 2.

Fees collected for the three months were \$91.50.

One pupil was fitted to glasses with money from one of our town funds.

Mrs. Charles Dickerson's Home Nursing group of which Mrs. W. D. Miller is chairman has contributed money for obtaining two rubber sheets and two pads which will replace those that came with the two hospital beds owned by the town.

The Fortnightly have contributed \$10.00 and the Northfield Health Council \$4.00 for the purchase of Cod-Liver Oil capsules.

With proceeds from the Belcher Fund arrangements are being made for obtaining a set of dental plates for one mother.

The Northfield Health Council is continuing to assist with hot lunches for the children who need them, and they are also

making a complete inventory and renovating articles that need attention of the loan closet. All articles will be marked with "Town of Northfield." The nurse and Health Council will have a list of all articles for loan.

During the latter part of January, Public Health Nursing Day is being observed throughout the nation. We feel sure that because of the work of all former district nurses in this town the townspeople will wish to stop a moment and think of their value to this community. I know all will want to support the new nurse as she begins her work here.

I wish to thank the Selectmen for the opportunity to carry on again the work here for this short period. It has been a joy and a privilege, and I also want to thank all who have in any way helped me in the work.

Respectfully submitted,

EUPHRASIA PURRINGTON, R.N.

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## **Town Histories**

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Sale of three Books	\$15.00
Payment to Town Treasurer	\$15.00
Presented to High School Graduates, Class 1944	15 copies

CHARLES C. STEARNS, Chairman.

# REPORT OF THE Welfare Department

## Year 1944

Number of General Relief Cases	15
Number of Soldiers' Relief Cases	3
Number of Aid to Dependent Children	5

## Old Age Assistance

Number of Recipients, January 1, 1944	54
Cases received during the year	7
Cases closed during year	9
Number of Recipients, December 31, 1944	52

## General Relief

Appropriation	\$ 5,000.00	
Transfer from Reserve Fund	450.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 5,450.00

## Payments

Cash Payments	\$ 1,434.16
Mrs. D. C. Donahue	295.19
The Northfield	176.00
F. M. Dunnell	133.20
F. A. Irish	377.77
Dr. F. W. Dean	150.25
Northfield Pharmacy	209.37
Barber's I.G.A. Store	199.82
Morgan's I.G.A. Store	25.57
Drs. Hazen and Little	6.00
A. D. Flagg	10.00
Tenney Farms	257.67
Dr. W. J. Pelletier	364.00
The A. & P. Tea Co.	395.59
Dr. H. A. Rye	10.00
Dr. L. H. Mendelson	19.75
Cooley Dickinson Hospital	24.50
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	1.10
Bronson Inn	2.00
City of Boston	60.25
T. J. Russell	95.11
H. E. Hamilton Co.	21.00
John Wilson Co.	55.04

Evans Brothers	21.00	
M. M. Hammond	12.00	
J. C. Penney Co.	95.56	
H. L. Laplante	24.73	
W. J. and G. T. Young	58.92	
Dr. F. A. M. Milkey	30.00	
Roy Lanphear	12.00	
R. O. Leach	15.00	
Farren Memorial Hospital	221.38	
Dr. W. O. Wilder	25.00	
George O. Dunnell	32.37	
Avery's Store	49.14	
Otis Fisher	15.00	
Judith M. Haynes	4.00	
City of Holyoke	304.28	
C. E. McCarthy	100.00	
Dr. Hubbard	6.00	
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	5,349.72	
Unexpended balance	100.28	
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		\$ 5,450.00

### Soldiers' Relief

Appropriation		\$ 1,200.00
	Payments	
H. L. Laplante	\$ 104.96	
Tenney Farms, Inc.	101.92	
Dr. F. W. Dean	10.00	
J. H. Ward	64.97	
Northfield Washed Sand Co.	15.00	
Dave Solomon	105.09	
The Northfield	2.29	
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	1.70	
Dr. E. C. Thorn	5.00	
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	410.93	
Unexpended Balance	789.07	
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		\$ 1,200.00

### Aid to Dependent Children

Appropriation	\$ 1,000.00	
Balance from 1943, U. S. Grant	117.91	
U. S. Grant 1943	617.00	
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		\$ 1,734.91
	Payments	
Cash	\$ 1,614.40	
Unexpended Balance	120.51	
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		\$ 1,734.91

## Old Age Assistance

Appropriation	\$16,000.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund	1,500.00
U. S. Grant 1943	11,893.41
	<hr/> \$29,393.41

### Payments

Cash	\$28,014.01
Town of Orange	32.56
Town of Wakefield	40.00
Town of Bernardston	175.79
Town of Montague	296.45
Town of Greenfield	9.38
City of Boston	73.60
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	28,641.97
Unexpended Balance	751.62
	<hr/> \$29,393.41

GEORGE W. CARR,

Chairman Board of Public Welfare.

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## MARTHA W. ALEXANDER FUND

This fund is invested as follows:

Franklin Savings Institution	\$ 4,200.00
Springfield Institution for Savings	1,000.00
Crocker Institution for Savings	825.00
Greenfield Savings Bank	1,500.00
Orange Savings Bank	1,000.00
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	\$ 8,525.00

Unexpended balance from last year	\$ 150.35
Received interest for year	166.30
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	\$ 316.65
Disbursements	\$ 120.00
Bank charges	.97
Unexpended balance	195.68
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	\$ 316.65

FRANK H. MONTAGUE

CHARLES L. GILBERT

CHARLES C. STEARNS

Trustees.



REPORT OF THE

## Finance Committee

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During the past year the Finance Committee have held four most important meetings to consider transfer of funds and other items of business.

At its last meeting held January 17 at the Town Hall the appropriations for the year were considered carefully with representatives of boards, departments and town officials who are responsible for budget sums and the recommendations of the committee are printed in connection with the articles in the Warrant.

The Committee recommends an appropriation from Surplus Revenue for the current year of \$18,000 to reduce taxation. The Committee also recommends an appropriation of \$1,900 from the Overlay Reserve Fund for a Reserve Fund for the current year.

The Committee have given diligent consideration to every article calling for an appropriation and trusts its decision will meet with the voters' approval.

Respectfully,

A. GORDON MOODY, Chairman  
FRANK W. WILLIAMS  
ROSS L. SPENCER  
L. PERCY GOODSPEED  
RICHARD G. HOLTON  
HELEN E. McNEIL

# **Town Warrant**

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## **COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

FRANKLIN, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Northfield in the County of Franklin. Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Town, on February 5th, 1945 at ten o'clock in the morning, then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To hear the reports of the several Town Officers and act thereon.

Article 2. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the coming year, the following to be on one ballot: Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, three Selectmen for one year; one Assessor for three years, Town Moderator for one year, two Library Trustees for three years, one Library Trustee for one year to fill vacancy, one School Committee member for three years, one Cemetery Commissioner for three years, Tree Warden for one year, Tax Collector for one year, three Constables for one year, one Constable for one year, a resident of Northfield Farms. The polls may close at FIVE O'CLOCK P. M.

Article 3. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1945, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew such note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws: any debt or debts incurred under this vote to be paid from the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1945.

Article 4. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of \$50 for the use of the Library at Northfield Farms, or act thereon.

**The Finance Committee recommend \$50.**

Article 5. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used by the Tree Warden in the care and preservation of shade trees or act thereon.

**The Finance Committee recommend \$150.**

Article 6. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for lighting the streets, or act thereon.

**The Finance Committee recommend \$2,971.56.**

Article 7. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for tools for highway work, or act thereon.

**The Finance Committee recommend \$100.**

Article 8. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as shall be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, or act thereon.

**The Finance Committee recommend the following appropriations:**

Schools	40,500	Bonds and Damages	400
Treasurer	600	Fire Department	1,700
Treasurer's Expenses %	100	Maintenance Water Holes	125
Bridges	500	Dept. Public Welfare	5,000
Soldiers' Relief	1,200	Aid to Dependent	
Alexander Hall	150	Children	3,500
Inspection of Animals	100	Town Clerk	250
Selectmen's Salary	600	Town Clerk's Expense %	40
Selectmen's Expense %	100	Elections	400
Road Machinery Fund	1,800	Fire and Casualty	1,200
(Transfer from Machinery Acct.)		Sealer	150
Old Age Assistance	19,000	Accountant's Salary	600
Public Welfare Clerk	150	Accountant's Expense %	35
School Committee Salary	150	Assessors	600
Inspection of Meat and		Assessor's Expense %	75
Slaughtering	200	Town Hall Care	1,600
Public Health	250	Interest Account	500
Moderator and Counsel	250	Town Clock and Fountain	120
Town Reports	300	Snow Removal	4,000

Article 9. To determine the salary of the Tax Collector, or act thereon.

**The Finance Committee recommend \$400 and \$100 expense %.**

Article 10. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 for care and maintenance of the Dickinson Me-

memorial Library, which amount includes the Dog Tax, or act thereon.

**The Finance Committee recommend \$2,500.**

Article 11. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used in the extermination of the Gypsy Moth, or act thereon.

**The Finance Committee recommend \$825.**

Article 12. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to defray the expense of a Community Nurse, or act thereon.

**The Finance Committee recommend \$1,910 and expense %c \$50.**

Article 13. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used in putting up railing, or act thereon.

**The Finance Committee recommend \$300.**

Article 14. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to pay note due on the new Grade School building debt or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

**The Finance Committee recommend \$4,500.**

Article 15. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the care and preservation of cemeteries, or act thereon.

**The Finance Committee recommend \$600.**

Article 16. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to enter into contract with the Board of Public Works, Division of Highways, for repair and improvement of roads and highways, exclusive of State Highways and raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated, available funds in the treasury a sum of money for Chapter 81 Highways, or take any action in relation thereto.

**The Finance Committee recommend \$4063 and balance from available funds.**

Article 17. To see if the town will empower the Selectmen to defend the town in any suit brought against the town, or act thereon.

Article 18. To see if the town will raise and appropriate any sum of money to cooperate with the State and County in maintaining our Chapter 90 roads, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

**The Finance Committee recommend \$500.**



Article 19. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for Memorial Day exercises, the same to be expended under the direction of the American Legion, or act thereon.

**The Finance Committee recommend \$125.**

Article 20. To see if the town will vote to elect or appoint a Park Commissioner to have charge of the athletic fields and playgrounds in the town, to serve one year without pay, and to see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the care of the Athletic Field.

**The Finance Committee recommend \$175.**

Article 21. To see if the town will vote to grade and improve land around the Town Hall and build a parking lot in the rear of the Town Hall on land owned by the town, raise and appropriate a sum of money for this purpose, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

**The Finance Committee recommend \$300.**

Article 22. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to appoint one of their members as clerk for the Aid to Dependent Children and Old Age Assistance, and that the salary be \$300, in accordance with Section 4a, Chapter 41, General Laws and raise and appropriate money for same.

**The Finance Committee recommend \$300.**

Article 23. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for Constables' pay or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

**The Finance Committee recommend \$200.**

Article 24. To see what action the town will take in regard to the worthless real estate mortgage deed as a \$1,000.00 investment of the Belcher Center Cemetery Fund, and raise and appropriate any money or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

**The Finance Committee recommend \$1,000.**

Article 25. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for Hydrant Service for 15 hydrants to be paid to the Northfield Water Co. for water supplying the hydrants for fire protection or act thereon.

**The Finance Committee recommend \$400.**

Article 26. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for a reserve fund for the current year, or act thereon.

**The Finance Committee recommend \$1,900 from overlay fund.**



Article 27. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to take care of the drainage of water on Warwick Ave., between St. Mary's St. and Birnam Road, or act thereon.

**The Finance Committee recommend \$400.**

Article 28. To see if the town will vote to accept from the American Youth Hostels, Inc., the sum of \$150.00, the same to be added by the Assessors to Estimated Receipts and Available Funds when setting the tax rate.

Article 29. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to meet foreclosre costs on tax titles, or act thereon.

**The Finance Committee recommend \$50.**

Article 30. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to drain a part or whole of the road between the Railroad track and Ernest Whitney's, or act thereon.

**The Finance Committee recommend \$500 to start the work.**

Article 31. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for defense purposes in connection with the Massachusetts Committee on Public Safety, or act thereon.

Article 32. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for Ration Board Maintenance.

Article 33. To see if the town will vote to transfer the sum of \$18,000.00 from surplus revenue to reduce the tax rate.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the Post Offices in Northfield, East Northfield, West Northfield, at the School House in District No. 6 and the Tenney Farms Filling Station at Northfield Farms, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting, as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 20th day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and forty-five.

FRED A. HOLTON  
GEORGE W. CARR  
F. MYRON DUNNELL

Selectmen of Northfield



HENRY F. LONG  
COMMISSIONER

THEODORE N. WADDELL  
DIRECTOR OF ACCOUNTS

*The Commonwealth of Massachusetts*  
*Department of Corporations and Taxation*  
*Division of Accounts*

*State House, Boston.*

January 18, 1945.

To the Board of Selectmen

Mr. Fred A. Holton, Chairman  
Northfield, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Northfield for the year ending December 31, 1944, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws. This is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. Herman B. Dine, Assistant Director of Accounts.

Very truly yours,

*Theodore N. Waddell*

Director of Accounts

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Mr. Theodore N. Waddell

Director of Accounts

Department of Corporations and Taxation

State House, Boston

Sir:

In accordance with your instructions, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Northfield for the year ending December 31, 1944, and submit the following report thereon:

The financial transactions, as recorded on the books of the several departments receiving or disbursing town funds, or sending out bills for collection were examined, checked, and verified by comparison with the books of the town accountant and treasurer.

The books and accounts of the treasurer were examined in detail. The receipts as recorded were analyzed and compared with the records of the departments collecting money for the town and with the other sources from which money was paid into the town treasury. The payments were checked with the selectmen's warrants authorizing the disbursements of town funds and with the town accountant's books.

The cash book additions were verified, and the cash balance on December 31, 1944, was proved by actual count of the cash on hand and by reconciliation of the bank balance with a statement furnished by the depository.

The payments on account of maturing debt and interest were checked with the amounts falling due and with the cancelled notes on file. The balance on deposit for the payment of outstanding interest coupons was reconciled.

At a special town meeting held on November 7, 1944, authorization was given for the issuance of a duplicate note to take the place of note #108 for \$500 due September 1, 1946, which was lost by the owner; but up to the audit date this note had not been issued.

The tax title deeds in the custody of the treasurer were examined and checked with the tax title register and with the books of the tax collector and the town accountant, and the amounts received on account of redemptions and sales were verified.

The records pertaining to tax possessions held by the town were examined and checked and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved.

The records of charges for the use of town-owned highway equipment were checked with the payrolls of the highway department. The recorded charges were listed and the payments to the treasurer were verified.

The securities, including savings bank books representing the investment of trust funds in the custody of the treasurer and selectmen, were inspected and listed. The income was proved, while the bequests and withdrawals were checked and verified. It was noted that the \$1,000 mortgage held as part of the investment of the Belcher Center Cemetery Fund is considered worthless, and it is recommended that action be taken to restore the fund to the original principal.

The record of payroll deductions on account of federal withholding taxes were examined and checked. The payments to the Collector of Internal Revenue and to the Federal depository were verified, and checked to the Selectmen's warrants and to the town accountant's ledger account.

It is recommended that standard payroll sheets be used by all departments in order that the amounts withheld for federal taxes may be properly shown thereon.

The surety bonds of the town officials required to furnish them for the faithful performance of their duties were examined and found to be in proper form.

The books and accounts of the town accountant were examined and checked in detail. The receipts, as recorded, were checked with the treasurer's record of receipts, while the recorded payments were checked with the selectmen's warrants and with the treasurer's books.

The appropriations as listed from the town clerk's record of town meetings were checked with the ledger appropriation accounts, while all other ledger accounts were checked with information in the departments in which the transactions originated. The transfers from the reserve fund were compared with authorizations for transfers given by the finance committee. The ledger was analyzed, a trial balance was taken off, and after the necessary adjusting and correcting entries resulting from the audit had been made, a balance sheet, which is appended to this report, was prepared showing the financial condition of the town on December 31, 1944.

The balance sheet shows that the town is in very good financial condition.



The records of licenses granted by the selectmen and issued by the town clerk were examined and checked, and the payments to th treasurer were verified.

Th books and accounts of the tax collector were examined and checked in detail. The tax accounts otstanding according to the previous examination, and all sdbsequent commitment lists of poll, personal, real estate and motor vehicle excise taxes were audited and proved with the assessors' warrants committing them for collection. The recorded collections were checked, the payments to the treasurer were verified, the abatments were checked to the assessors' record of abatements granted, and the taxes transferred to the tax title account were verified. The outstanding accounts were listed and proved with the town accountant's ledger accounts.

Verification of the outstanding accounts was made by sending notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town. Among the replies received was one claiming a payment of \$12.60 on 1944 personal taxes. This claim was acknowledged by the tax collector and entered on January 12, 1945. From the remaining replies received it appears that the outstanding accounts, as listed, are correct.

The financial transactions of the town clerk relative to dog and sporting licenses issued were examined and checked, and the payments to the Division of Fisheries and Game and to the town treasurer were verified.

The appropriations as voted by the town and recorded in the town clerk's second of town meetings were checked with the amount used by the assessors in the determination of the 1944 tax rate.

The books and accounts of the trustees of the Martha W. Alexander Charity Fund were examined and checked. The savings bank books representing the investments of the fund were listed, the income was proved, and the withdrawals were verified. The payments were checked with the cancelled checks on file, and the cash balance was proved by reconciliation of the bank balance with a statement furnished by the depository.

The records of the sealer of weights and measures were examined and checked. The recorded receipts were checked with the record of work done, the payments to the treasurer were verified, and the outstanding accounts were listed.



The records of the cemetery department for the sale and care of lots were examined and checked. The sales of lots were checked to the deed record book and the payments to the treasurer were verified.

The records of the health department on account of pasteurization licenses were checked and the payments to the treasurer were verified.

The recorded receipts of the community nurse were checked and the payments to the treasurer were verified.

The records of receipts at the Dickinson Library were examined and checked, the payments to the treasurer were verified, and the cash on hand January 8, 1945, was proved by actual count.

The records of accounts receivable of the public welfare and school departments were examined. The departmental records were analyzed, the recorded collections were compared with the payments to the treasurer, the disallowances were verified, and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved to the town accountant's ledger accounts.

Attention is again called to outstanding school transportation charges for 1942, 1943, and 1944. These charges are for transportation of out-of-town pupils, and it is recommended that action be taken to collect these bills; but if they are found to be uncollectible, they should be written off.

In addition to the balance sheet, there are appended to this report tables showing a reconciliation of the treasurer's cash, summaries of the tax and departmental accounts, as well as tables showing the transactions and condition of the trust and investment accounts.

While engaged in making the audit, cooperation was received from all town officials, for which, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, I wish to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN B. DINE,

Assistant Director of Accounts

## RECONCILIATION OF TREASURER'S CASH

Balance January 1, 1944, per previous audit	\$ 52,101.49	
Receipts	140,819.42	
	<u>          </u>	\$192,920.91
Payments	\$144,101.80	
Balance December 31, 1944:		
Franklin County Trust Company	\$47,279.73	
Cash in office, verified	1,539.38	
	<u>          </u>	\$ 48,819.11
		<u>          </u> <u>\$192,920.91</u>

## FRANKLIN COUNTY TRUST COMPANY OF GREENFIELD

Balance December 31, 1944, per statement	\$55,498.24
Balance December 31, 1944, per check book	\$47,279.73
Outstanding checks December 31, 1944, per list,	8,218.51
	<u>          </u> <u>\$55,498.24</u>

## FEDERAL TAX

### Payroll Deductions

Balance January 1, 1944, per previous audit	\$ 720.40
Payroll deductions 1944	2,974.30
	<u>          </u> \$ 3,694.70
Payments 1944:	
Federal depository	\$ 1,871.10
Collector of Internal Revenue	1,546.60
	<u>          </u> \$ 3,417.70
Balance December 31, 1944	277.00
	<u>          </u> <u>\$ 3,694.70</u>

## TAXES—1942

Outstanding January 1, 1944, per previous audit	\$ 6,345.83
Audit adjustments:	
Reported as taxes 1942:	
Interest	\$ .05
Collector's costs	.35
Motor vehicle excise taxes 1944	5.00
	<u>          </u> 5.40
	<u>          </u> <u>\$ 6,351.23</u>
Payments to treasurer	\$ 6,216.33
Abatements	22.80
Tax titles taken	57.00
Outstanding December 31, 1944, per list	55.10
	<u>          </u> <u>\$ 6,351.23</u>

### TAXES—1943

Outstanding January 1, 1944, per previous audit,	\$12,177.05	
Abatement after payment, refunded	3.60	
	<hr/>	\$12,180.65
Payments to treasurer	\$7,102.33	
Abatements	9.40	
Tax titles taken	55.98	
Outstanding December 31, 1944, per list	5,012.94	
	<hr/>	<u>\$12,180.65</u>

### TAXES—1944

Commitment per warrants	\$67,613.70	
Additional commitment, per warrants	12.00	
	<hr/>	\$67,625.70
Abatements after payment:		
Refunded 1944	35.72	
To be refunded	13.83	
	<hr/>	\$67,675.25
Payments to treasurer	\$55,862.88	
Abatements	1,047.39	
Added to tax titles	185.74	
Outstanding December 31, 1944, per list,	10,579.24	
	<hr/>	<u>\$67,675.25</u>

### MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES—1943

Outstanding January 1, 1944, per previous audit	\$ 88.90	
Additional commitment per warrant	6.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 94.90
Payments to treasurer 1944	\$ 91.24	
Abatements 1944	3.66	
	<hr/>	<u>\$ 94.90</u>

### MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES—1944

Commitment per warrants	\$ 2,721.78	
Abatements after payment, refunded	2.13	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,723.91
Payments to treasurer	\$ 2,499.40	
Abatements	40.96	
Audit adjustments:		
Motor vehicle excise taxes 1944 entered as taxes 1942	5.00	
Error in entering abatements	.10	
Outstanding December 31, 1944, per list	178.45	
	<hr/>	<u>\$ 2,723.91</u>

## TIMBER SALVAGE TAXES

Outstanding January 1, 1944, per previous audit:

Levy of 1940	\$ 1,109.33
Levy of 1941	1,239.84
Levy of 1942	1,239.84

Outstanding December 31, 1944, per list

\$ 3,589.01  
\$ 3,589.01

## INTEREST AND COSTS ON TAXES

Collection 1944:

Interest:

Taxes:

Levy of 1942	\$ 436.88
Levy of 1943	173.70
Levy of 1944	23.39
	\$ 632.97

Motor vehicle excise taxes:

Levy of 1943	\$ 1.02
Levy of 1944	1.34
	\$ 2.36

Costs:

Taxes:

Levy of 1942	\$ 16.40
Levy of 1943	10.65
Levy of 1944	4.90
	\$ 31.95

Motor vehicle excise taxes:

Levy of 1943	8.00
	\$ 675.28

Payments to treasurer 1944:

Interest	\$ 635.28
Costs	39.60

Reported as taxes 1942:

Interest	\$ .05
Costs	.35
	\$ .40
	\$ 675.28

## TAX TITLES

Balance January 1, 1944, per previous audit \$ 1,187.08

Tax titles taken:

Taxes 1942	\$ 57.00
Taxes 1943	55.98

Added to tax titles:

Taxes 1944	185.74
	298.72



Interest and costs on tax titles taken	18.03	
Audit adjustments:		
Cost of preparing and recording deeds not reported,	15.00	
Redemption interest and costs reported as tax title redemptions	13.70	
	\$ 27.70	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,532.53
Tax titles redeemed 1944	\$ 527.53	
Balance December 31, 1944, per list	1,005.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,532.53
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#### TAX POSSESSIONS

Balance January 1, 1944, per previous audit	\$ 417.66
Balance December 31, 1944, per list	\$ 417.66

#### SELECTMEN'S LICENSES

##### Issued by Town Clerk

##### Licenses issued 1944:

Pistol	\$ 11.00	
Milk	3.50	
Oleomargarine	2.50	
Common Victualler	5.00	
Innholder	6.00	
Denatured alcohol	1.00	
Auctioneer	2.00	
Gasoline registrations	24.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 55.00
Payments to treasurer 1944	\$	55.00
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#### TOWN CLERK

##### Dog Licenses

##### Licenses issued 1944:

Males	162 @ \$2.00	\$ 324.00	
Females	26 @ 5.00	130.00	
Spayed females	56 @ 2.00	112.00	
Kennel	4 @ 10.00	40.00	
		<hr/>	\$ 606.00
Payments to treasurer		\$ 554.60	
Fees retained, 248 @ \$ .20		49.60	
Overpayment to treasurer 1943, adjusted		1.80	
		<hr/>	\$ 606.00

### Sporting Licenses

**Licenses issued 1944:**

Resident citizens' fishing	80 @ \$2.00	\$ 160.00
Resident citizens' hunting	93 @ 2.00	186.00
Resident citizens' sporting	74 @ 3.25	240.50
Resident citizen minors' and females' fishing	37 @ 1.25	46.25
Resident citizens' trapping	6 @ 5.25	31.50
Special non-resident citizens' fishing	9 @ 1.50	13.50
Non-resident citizens' fishing	8 @ 5.25	42.00
Non-resident citizens' hunting	3 @ 10.25	30.75
Military or naval sporting	1 @ 2.00	2.00
Duplicates	4 @ .50	2.00
		<hr/> \$ 754.50
Payments to Division of Fisheries and Game		\$ 676.75
Fees retained 1944	311 @ \$ .25	77.75
		<hr/> \$ 754.50

### TOWN HISTORIANS

**Collections 1944:**

Sale of books	3 @ \$5.00	\$ 15.00
Payments to treasurer 1944		\$ 15.00

### TOWN HALL RENTALS

Collections 1944	\$ 332.00
Payments to treasurer 1944	\$ 332.00

### SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Cash on hand January 1, 1944, per previous audit	\$ .10
Sealer's fees 1944	49.99
	<hr/> \$ 50.09
Payments to treasurer 1944	\$ 48.91
Outstanding December 31, 1944, per list	1.18
	<hr/> \$ 50.09

### HEALTH LICENSES

**Licenses issued 1944:**

Pasteurization	2 @ \$10.00	\$ 20.00
Payments to treasurer 1944		\$ 20.00

## COMMUNITY NURSE

Fees collected 1944		\$ 176.00
Payments to treasurer 1944	\$ 137.50	
Cash on hand December 31, 1944	38.50*	
		\$ 176.00

\*Paid to treasurer January 2, 1945.

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## PUBLIC WELFARE DEPARTMENT

### Temporary Aid—Accounts Receivable

Charges 1944		\$ 651.22
Payments to treasurer 1944	\$ 594.53	
Audit adjustment:		
Disallowances not reported	56.69	
		<u>\$ 651.22</u>

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## AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

### Accounts Receivable

Charges 1944	\$ 413.42
Payments to treasurer 1944	\$ 413.42

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## BUREAU OF OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

### Accounts Receivable

Outstanding January 1, 1944, per previous audit	\$ 33.33	
Charges	10,984.10	
		<u>\$11,017.43</u>
Payments to treasurer	\$10,775.94	
Outstanding December 31, 1944, per list	241.49	
		<u>\$11,017.43</u>

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## SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

### Accounts Receivable

Outstanding January 1, 1944, per previous audit	\$ 171.00	
Charges	303.70	
Audit adjustment:		
Charges not reported	13.50	
		<u>\$ 488.20</u>
Payments to treasurer	\$ 270.20	
Outstanding December 31, 1944, per list	218.00	
		<u>\$ 488.20</u>

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### LIBRARY

Cash on hand January 1, 1944, per previous audit	\$ 3.24	
Fines	65.30	
	—————	\$ 68.54
Payments to treasurer 1944		\$ 68.54
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Fines January 1 to 8, 1945		\$ 7.19
Cash on hand January 8, 1945, verified		\$ 7.19
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### CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Outstanding January 1, 1944, per previous audit	\$ 25.00	
Charges 1944:		
Sale of cemetery lots	231.00	
Receipts 1944:		
Care of lots	5.00	
Perpetual care income	4.06	
	—————	\$ 265.06
Payments to treasurer 1944:		
Sale of cemetery lots	\$ 256.00	
Care of lots	5.00	
Expenditures by commissioners—care of lot	4.06	
	—————	\$ 265.06
		=====

### ELISHA ALEXANDER CHARITY FUND

#### In Custody of Selectmen

		Savings	
		Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1944		\$2,020.00	\$ 2,020.00
On hand at end of year 1944		\$2,020.00	\$ 2,020.00
		Payments	
	1944		
Income	\$ 40.40	Transfer to town	\$ 40.40
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### MARTHA W. ALEXANDER FUND

#### In Custody of Trustee

		Savings	
		Cash	Deposits
		Total	
On hand at beginning of year 1944		\$150.35	\$ 8,675.35
On hand at end of year 1944		\$195.68	\$ 8,720.68
		Payments	
	1944		
Income	\$166.30	Aid to poor	\$120.00
Cash on hand January 1, 1944	150.35	Bank charges	.97
		Cash on hand December 31, 1944	195.68
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	\$316.65		\$316.65
	=====		=====

# **LOTTIE EVANS CHARITY FUND**

## **In Custody of Treasurer**

		Savings Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1944		\$ 697.64	\$ 697.64
On hand at end of year 1944		\$ 711.65	\$ 711.65
Receipts		Payments	
	1944		
Income	<u>\$ 14.01</u>	Added to savings deposits	<u>\$ 14.01</u>

# **GEORGE F. MORGAN CHARITY FUND**

## **In Custody of Treasurer**

		Savings Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1944		\$3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
On hand at end of year 1944		\$3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Receipts		Payments	
	1944		
Income	<u>\$ 60.30</u>	Transfer to town	<u>\$ 60.30</u>

# **SURPLUS REVENUE SCHOOL FUND**

## **In Custody of Treasurer**

		Savings Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1944		\$1,600.00	\$ 1,600.00
On hand at end of year 1944		\$1,600.00	\$ 1,600.00
Receipts		Payments	
	1944		
Income	<u>\$ 32.16</u>	Transfer to town	<u>\$ 32.16</u>

# **BELCHER CENTER SCHOOL FUND**

## **In Custody of Treasurer**

		Deposits Savings	Par Value Securities	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1944		\$1,050.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 1,250.00
On hand at end of year 1944		\$1,050.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 1,250.00
Receipts		Payments		
	1944			
Income	<u>\$ 25.93</u>	Transfer to town		<u>\$ 25.93</u>



# **BELCHER LIBRARY FUND**

## **In Custody of Treasurer**

	Savings Deposits	Securities Par Value	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1944	\$9,439.01	\$ 300.00	\$ 9,739.01
On hand at end of year 1944	\$9,439.01	\$ 300.00	\$ 9,739.01

### **Receipts**

### **Payments**

	1944		
Income	\$196.76	Transfer to town	\$196.76

# **CHARLES P. DICKINSON LIBRARY FUND**

## **In Custody of Treasurer**

	Savings Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1944	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000.00
On hand at end of year 1944	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000.00

### **Receipts**

### **Payments**

	1944		
Income	\$ 60.30	Transfer to town	\$ 60.30

# **WEST NORTHFIELD CEMETERY FUND**

## **In Custody of Treasurer**

	Savings Deposits	Securities Par Value	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1944	\$3,470.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 7,470.00
On hand at end of year 1944	\$3,470.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 7,470.00

### **Receipts**

### **Payments**

	1944		
Income	\$239.74	Transfer to town	\$239.74

# **J. W. COWLES CEMETERY FUND**

## **In Custody of Treasurer**

	Savings Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1944	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
On hand at end of year 1944	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00

### **Receipts**

### **Payments**

	1944		
Income	\$ 40.20	Transfer to town	\$ 40.20

## BELCHER CENTER CEMETERY FUND

### In Custody of Treasurer

		Savings Deposits	Securities Par Value	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1944		\$1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
On hand at end of year 1944		\$1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
	Receipts		Payments	
		1944		
Income	\$ 20.10	Transfer to town		\$ 20.10
	<u>          </u>			<u>          </u>

## CALVIN STEARNS CEMETERY FUND

### In Custody of Treasurer

		Savings Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1944		\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
On hand at end of year 1944		\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
	Receipts		Payments
		1944	
Income	\$10.05	Transfer to town	\$ 10.05
	<u>          </u>		<u>          </u>

## CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS

### In Custody of Treasurer

		Savings Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1944		\$ 9,814.75	\$ 9,814.75
On hand at end of year 1944		\$10,164.75	\$10,164.75
	Receipts		Payments
		1944	
Bequests	\$350.00	Added to savings deposits	\$350.00
Income	197.62	Transfer to town	197.62
	<u>          </u>		<u>          </u>
	\$547.62		\$547.62
	<u>          </u>		<u>          </u>

## CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS

### In Custody of Selectmen

		Savings Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1944		\$ 303.00	\$ 303.00
On hand at end of year 1944		\$ 303.00	\$ 303.00
	Receipts		Payments
		1944	
Income	\$ 6.06	Transfer to town	\$ 6.06

# POST-WAR REHABILITATION FUND

## In Custody of Treasurer

		Cash in General Treasury	Securities Par Value	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1944		—	—	—
On hand at end of year 1944		\$ 154.53	\$10,000.00	\$10,154.53
Receipts		Payments		
	1944			
Town appropriation	\$10,000.00	Securities purchased		\$10,000.00
Income	154.53	Cash in general treasury		
		December 31, 1944		154.53
	<u>\$10,154.53</u>			<u>\$10,154.53</u>
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# TOWN OF NORTHFIELD

Balance Sheet — December 31, 1944

## GENERAL ACCOUNTS

ASSETS		LIABILITIES AND RESERVES	
Cash		Federal Tax—Payroll Deductions	\$ 277.00
Accounts Receivable:		Sale of Cemetery Lots Fund	1,900.62
Taxes:		Sale of Real Estate Fund	1,260.00
Levy of 1942	\$ 55.10	Tax Title Sale Excess—Section 79, Chapter 60	25.44
Levy of 1943	5,012.94	Trust Fund Income:	
Levy of 1944	10,565.41	George Morgan Charity Fund	\$ 61.63
		Elisha Alexander Charity Fund	80.96
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes:		Belcher Library Fund	14.04
Levy of 1944	15,633.45	Dickinson Library Book Fund	9.56
Timber Salvage Taxes:		West Northfield Cemetery Fund	167.90
Levy of 1940	\$ 1,109.33	Calvin Stearns Cemetery Fund	8.10
Levy of 1941	1,239.84	Post-War Rehabilitation Fund	154.53
Levy of 1942	1,239.84		
Tax Titles		Tax Collector's Costs	496.72
		Road Machinery Fund	34.00
Departmental:		Federal Grants:	8,675.52
School Age Assistance	\$ 241.49	Old Age Assistance:	
Schools	218.00	Administration	\$143.98
State Aid Highways	459.49	Aid to Dependent Children:	
	1,045.75	Assistance	5.41
		Administration	1.12
			150.51

Tailings	20.33
Reserved for Unpaid 1944 Bills	5.00
Unexpended Balances:	
Planting Trees	\$121.34
Alterations—American Legion Rooms	1,500.00
Mt. Hermon Cemetery Fence	66.30
Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus	<u>1,687.64</u>
Overlay Reserved for Abatements:	
Levy of 1942	\$ 49.70
Levy of 1943	1,595.26
Levy of 1944	1,365.05
	<u>3,010.01</u>
Revenue Reserved Until Collected:	
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	\$ 178.45
Timber Salvage	3,589.01
Tax Title	1,005.00
Departmental	459.49
State Aid to Highways	1,045.75
	<u>6,277.70</u>
Surplus Revenue	44,935.06
	<u>\$70,730.26</u>
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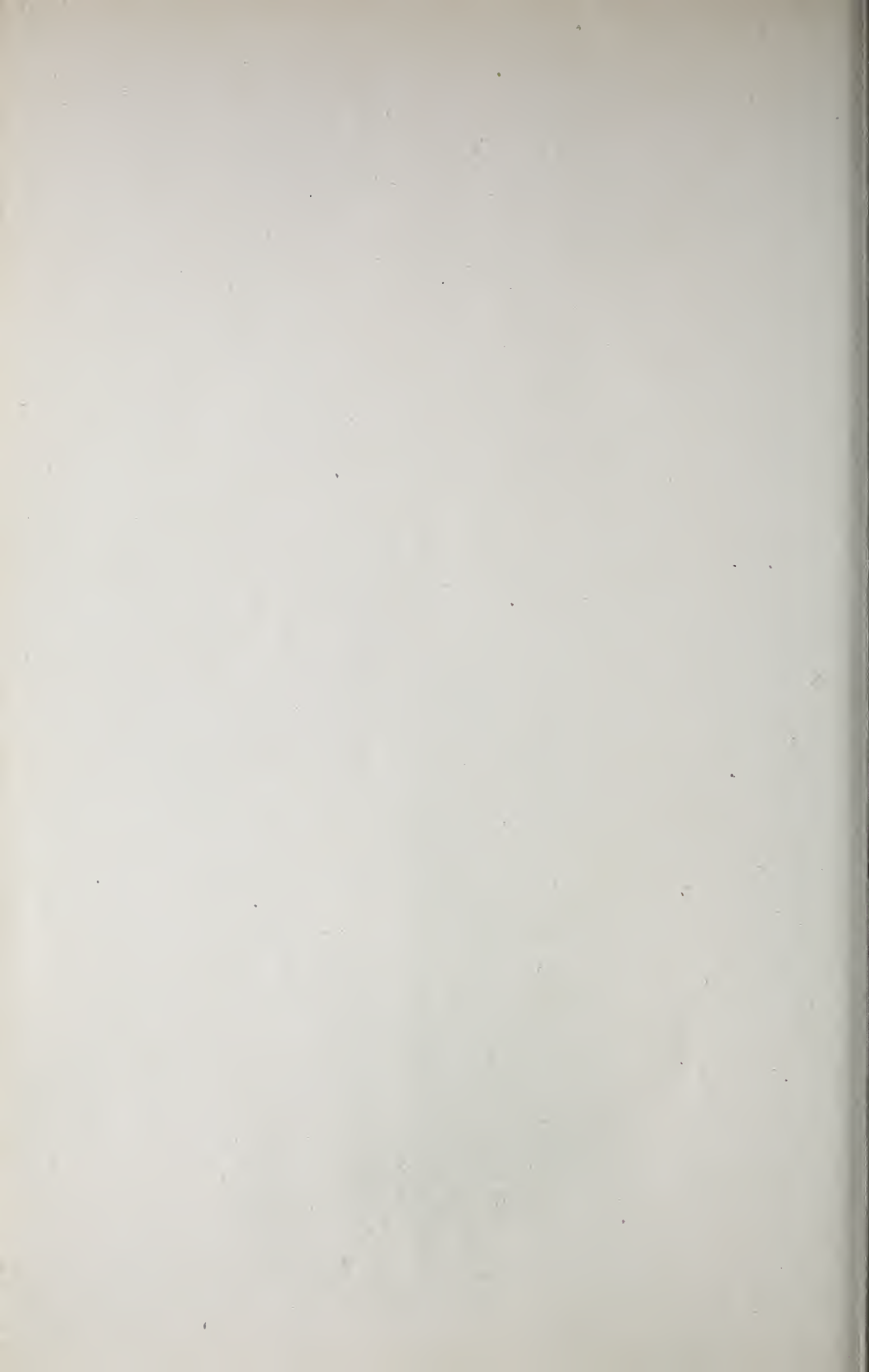
## DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt	\$27,000.00
	New School Building Loan
	\$27,000.00

## TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Trust Funds, Cash and Securities:	
In Custody of Treasurer	\$51,435.41
In Custody of Selectmen	2,323.00
In Custody of Trustees	8,720.68
	Elisha Alexander Charity Fund
	Martha W. Alexander Charity Fund
	Lottie Evans Charity Fund
	George F. Morgan Charity Fund
	Surplus Revenue School Fund
	Belcher Center School Fund
	Belcher Library Fund
	Charles P. Dickinson Library Fund
	West Northfield Cemetery Fund
	James W. Cowles Cemetery Fund
	Belchertown Center Cemetery Fund
	Calvin Stearns Cemetery Fund
	Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds:
In Custody of Treasurer	10,164.75
In Custody of Selectmen	303.00
Post-War Rehabilitation Fund	10,000.00
	\$62,479.09

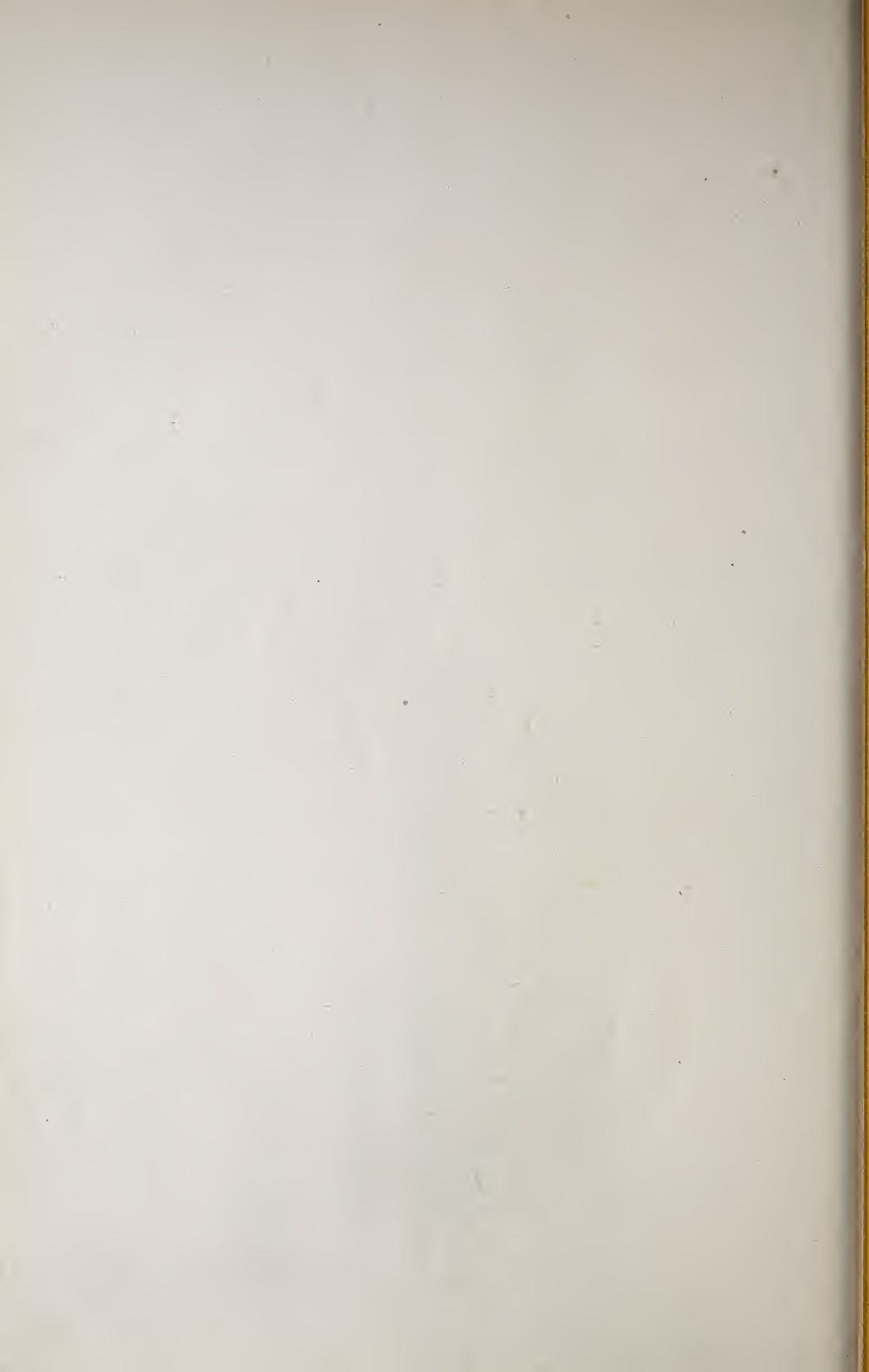




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*Fred Bolton  
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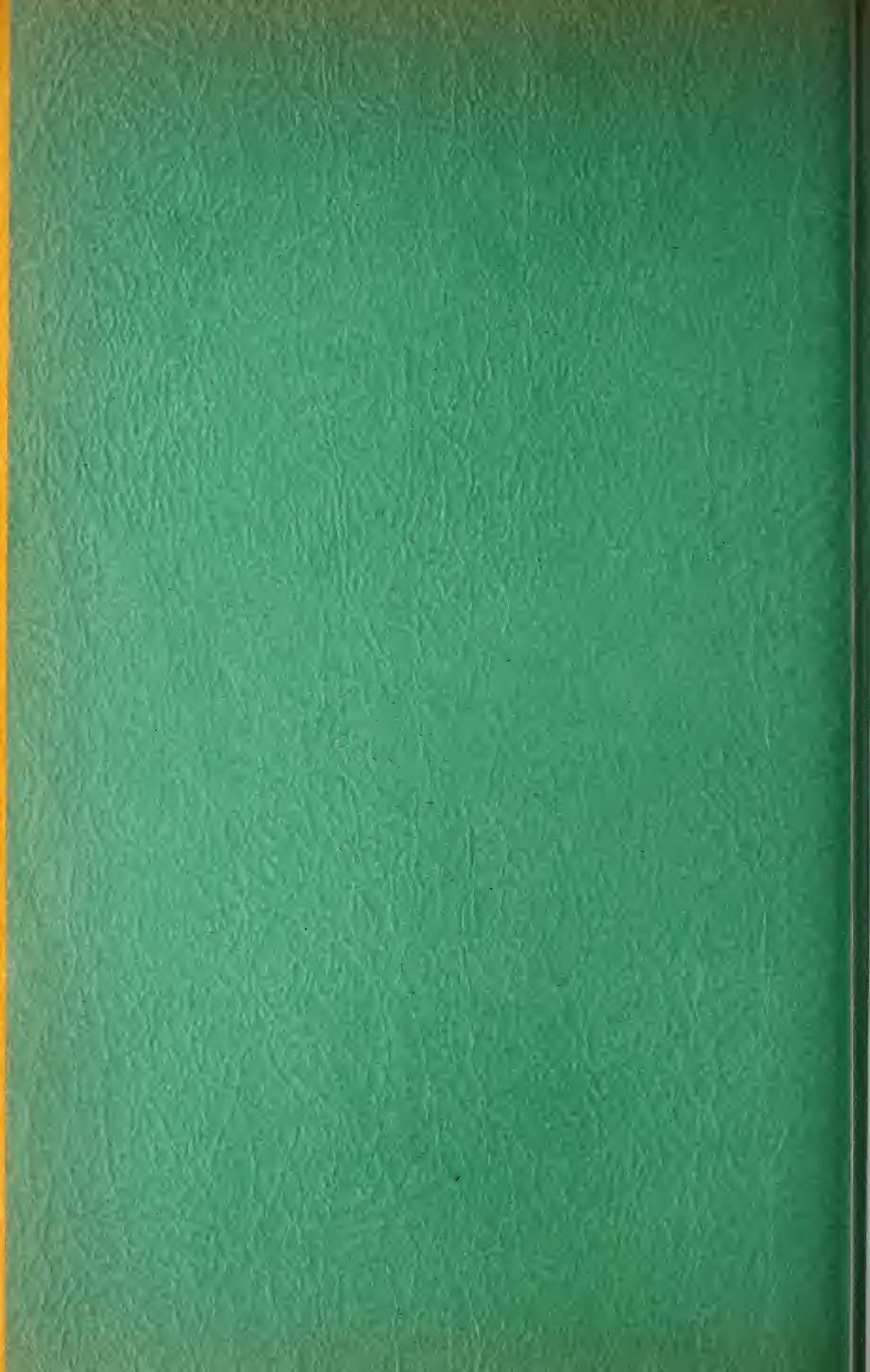
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FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st

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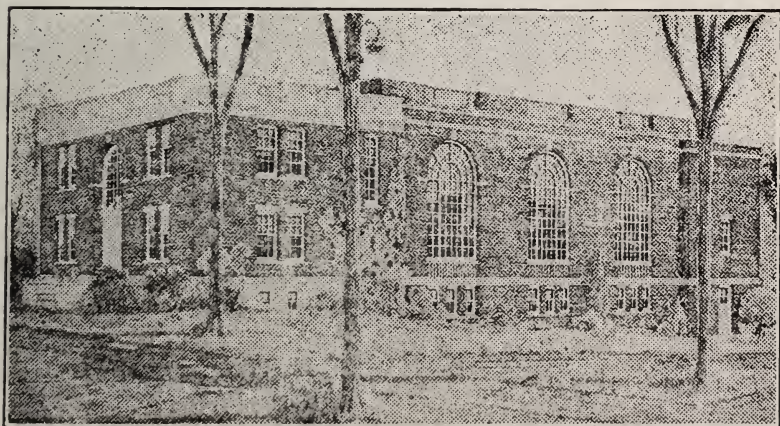
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OF THE TOWN OFFICERS OF

## NORTHFIELD MASSACHUSETTS

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Northfield Town Hall

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FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31<sup>st</sup>

# 1945



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## **Town Officers**

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### **Moderator**

William F. Hoehn

### **Town Clerk**

Josephine S. Haskell

### **Treasurer**

Charles F. Slate

### **Selectmen**

Fred A. Holton, Chairman

George W. Carr

Ross L. Spencer

### **Assessors**

Fred S. Merrifield

Term expires 1946

Clifford A. Field

Term expires 1947

Ernest A. Parker

Term expires 1948

### **Tax Collector**

Charles F. Slate

### **School Committee**

Sidney H. Given

Term expires 1946

Irving J. Lawrence

Term expires 1947

Lillian G. Wells

Term expires 1948

### **Library Trustees**

Horace H. Morse

Term expires 1946

Mary G. Parker

Term expires 1946

Mercy A. Brann

Term expires 1947

Joseph W. Field

Term expires 1947

C. Ina Merriman

Term expires 1948

Robert B. Jack

Term expires 1948

### **Cemetery Commissioners**

Carlton W. Holton

Term expires 1946

George N. Kidder

Term expires 1947

Joseph J. Bartus

Term expires 1948

### **Tree Warden**

Dean Williams

**Constables**

Murray M. Hammond  
Joseph G. Morgan

Harry M. Haskell  
Martin E. Vorce

**Accountant**

Fred H. Doolittle

**Chief Fire Department**

Charles L. Johnson

**Superintendent of Roads**

Ralph V. Gibson

**Gypsy Moth Agent**

Frank W. Anderson

**Forest Fire Warden**

Charles L. Johnson

**Deputy Forest Fire Wardens**

Hermon Fisher  
Edward C. Bolton  
Charles L. Gilbert  
Fred Blanchard

Carlton Holton  
Clifford L. Bolton  
George Barlow  
James E. Dresser

**Public Weighers**

George O. Dunnell  
Clarence H. Spaulding  
Richard W. Borrows

F. Myron Dunnell  
Fred B. Kelly  
Robert Schepp

**Inspection, Meat, Provisions and Slaughtering**

Horace W. Bolton

**Sealer of Weights and Measures**

Dean W. Williams

**Cattle Inspector**

Arthur H. Bolton

**Fence Viewers**

Luckey O. Clapp

**Surveyors Wood and Timber**

James E. Dresser

Fred I. Bolton

**Field Drivers**

The Constables

**Dog Officer**

Martin E. Vorce

### **Finance Committee**

Harry L. Gingras      Charles L. Gilbert      Charles L. Johnson

### **Registrars of Voters**

C. Percy Goodspeed	Term expires 1946
James E. Dresser	Term expires 1946
Helen E. McNeil	Term expires 1947
Richard G. Holton	Term expires 1947
Dorothy L. Miller	Term expires 1947
George McEwan	Term expires 1948

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### **REPORT OF THE**

## **Board of Selectmen**

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The Selectmen of the town of Northfield submit the records of the work done during the year of 1945 and trust the results as reported may receive due attention.

We think that the officers and committees have cooperated in an endeavor to work for the best interests of the town. You will see that the financial condition is good, and it looks like a good start for the coming year.

Respectfully,

FRED A. HOLTON, Chairman  
GEORGE W. CARR  
ROSS L. SPENCER

## REPORT OF THE Town Treasurer

Balance January 1, 1945	\$ 48,819.11	
Receipts, 1945	147,811.61	\$ 196,630.72
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Payments per warrants	145,941.14	
Cemetery funds deposited per warrants	200.00	
Cash on hand December 31, 1945	1,047.72	
Franklin County Trust Co.	49,441.86	196,630.72

### Franklin County Trust Co. of Greenfield

Balance December 31, 1945 per statement		59,753.83
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Outstanding checks December 31, 1945 per list	10,311.97	
Balance December 31, 1945 per check book	49,441.86	59,753.83

Respectfully submitted,  
CHARLES F. SLATE, Treasurer.

## Treasurer's Report of Trust Funds

### Edward D. Priest and Others—West Northfield Cemetery Fund

	Savings		
	Deposits	Securities	Total
On hand January 1, 1945	\$ 3,170.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 7,170.00
On Hand Deember 31, 1945	3,170.00	4,000.00	7,170.00
Receipts of interest			233.71

### J. W. Cowles Center Cemetery Fund

	Savings		
	Deposits	Securities	Total
On hand January 1, 1945	\$ 2,000.00		\$ 2,000.00
On hand December 31, 1945	2,000.00		2,000.00
Receipts of interest			40.20

### Calvin Stearns Center Cemetery Fund

	Savings		
	Deposits	Securities	Total
On hand January 1, 1945	\$ 500.00		500.00
On hand December 31, 1945	500.00		500.00
Receipts of Interest			10.05



### Belcher Center School Fund

	Savings		
	Deposits	Securities	Total
On hand January 1, 1945	\$ 1,050.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 1,250.00
On hand December 31, 1945	1050.00	200.00	1,250.00
Receipts of interest			26.10

### Belcher Center Cemetery Fund

	Savings		
	Deposits	Securities	Total
On hand January 1, 1945	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
On hand December 31, 1945	1,000.00	1,000.00	2,000.00
Receipts of interest			20.10

### Lottie Evans Charity Fund

	Savings		
	Deposits	Securities	Total
On hand January 1, 1945	711.65		
Interest 1945	14.29		725.94

### George F. Morgan Charity Fund

	Savings		
	Deposits	Securities	Total
On hand January 1, 1945	\$ 3,000.00		3,000.00
On hand December 31, 1945	3,000.00		3,000.00
Receipts of interest			60.30

### Surplus Revenue School Fund

	Savings		
	Deposits	Securities	Total
On hand January 1, 1945	\$ 1,600.00		1,600.00
On hand December 31, 1945	1,600.00		1,600.00
Receipts of interest			32.16

### Belcher Library Fund

	Savings		
	Deposits	Securities	Total
On hand January 1, 1945	\$ 9,439.01	\$ 300.00	\$ 9,739.01
On hand December 31, 1945	9,439.01	300.00	9,739.01
Receipts of interest			197.15

### Charles P. Dickinson Library Book Fund

	Savings		
	Deposits	Securities	Total
On hand January 1, 1945	\$ 3,000.00		\$ 3,000.00
On hand December 31, 1945	3,000.00		3,000.00
Receipts of interest			60.30

# **Post-war Rehabilitation Fund** **Chapter 5 Acts of 1943**

	Cash	Securities	Total
On hand January 1, 1945	\$ 154.53	\$10,000.00	\$10,154.53
Income 1945			250.00
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			\$10,404.53
On hand December 31, 1945		10,000.00	
Cash in General Treasury	404.53		10,404.53

## **Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds**

On hand January 1, 1945		\$10,464.75
On hand December 31, 1945		10,664.75
Receipts of interest	\$ 210.51	
Receipts of bequest	200.00	410.51
Deposited in Savings Bank	200.00	
Interest transferred to town	210.51	410.51

## **LIST OF CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS**

<b>Center Cemetery</b>		<b>George E. Nye, Artminus &amp; Marshall Nye</b>	
Augustus W. Holton	\$100.00	Johnson Fund	200.00
Carpenter Winchester	\$100.00	Alvin Long	123.06
Thomas R. Callender	50.00	M. Benus and Otis Field	50.00
John E. Nye	100.00	Charles Blackmer	50.00
Clinton A. Ware	150.00	George R. Stebbins	50.00
George Hastings and Dr. Stratton White	100.00	Charles Stebbins	100.00
Hezekiah and Elizabeth Stratton	80.00	Walter D. Crane	100.00
Hezekiah and Mollie Stratton	80.00	Harvey J. Evans	50.00
Rufus and Asenath Stratton	80.00	Dorothy P. Bruce	150.00
Sherman Nye Bartlett	100.00	John F. Rice	100.00
Louis F. Bartlett	100.00	<b>Mount Hermon Cemetery</b>	
Charles Osgood	300.00	L. L. Drury	100.00
Edward B. Stearns	50.00	Henry F. Cutler	100.00
B. F. Field and Charles Pomeroy	100.00	Horace F. Holton	100.00
William R. Moody	100.00	<b>South Mountain Cemetery</b>	
Mrs. Norman MacGaffin	50.00	Alice J. Bigelow	100.00
Clara B. Torrey	100.00	<b>West Northfield Cemetery</b>	
Herbert E. Robbins	200.00	George W. Snow	200.00
Samuel E. Walker	200.00	Henry M. Yerrington	100.00
J. I. Greenleaf	300.00	<b>Northfield Farms Cemetery</b>	
M. Margaret Laird	100.00	Ada E. Chamberlain and Sarah Morgan	75.00
William H. Phelps	200.00	M. Maria Foss	200.00
Rose A. Holton	100.00	Marcellus D. Stratton	100.00
C. D. Merriam and C. Hiliard	300.00	Elisa Groves	51.69
Sarah Jane Whithead	50.00	Elvira A. Morgan	50.00
Elizabeth M. Purple	200.00	Samuel A. Holtlon	200.00
		Elisha and Elihue Stratton	200.00

Jessamine W. Polhemus	100.00
Andrew and Arthur Lyman	400.00
J. Wesley Mann	100.00
Lewis Fowler	50.00
Bessie Severance	100.00
Adeline W. Moody	100.00
Charles Alexander	200.00
A. M. D. Alexander	300.00
James White	100.00
Katherine Gaeng	100.00
Elijar Belding	125.00
Elijar E. Belding	100.00
Lucy M. Webster	500.00
Augustus L. Day	100.00
Isaac Cook and Wright Stratton	100.00
John L. Mattoon	100.00
Levi Fay	150.00
Sarah E. Minot	150.00
James Pickard	100.00
Mary L. Wright	125.00

Ernest C. Field	100.00
Asahel and Alner Sawyer	100.00
William H. Stratton	100.00
Larkin Fisher and Frank and Lucy Ross	50.00
James and William Merriam	100.00
Henry W. Montague	200.00
Mary A. Stratton	100.00
Inez E. Holton	50.00
George M. Chamberlain	75.00
Charles C. Morgan	100.00
LeRoy Weatherhead	75.00
Oscar and Frank V. Wood	50.00
Rufus Stratton and Oren Darling	150.00
Brigham Gage and David Clows	100.00
Samuel Pratt	25.00
Retta R. Barrett	100.00
Fred W. Ruggles	100.00

# REPORT OF THE Tax Collector

## Taxes 1942

Outstanding January 1, 1945		\$	55.10
Payments to Treasurer	\$	17.10	
Tax title taken		38.00	
		<hr/>	\$ 55.10

## Taxes 1943

Outstanding January 1, 1945		\$	5,012.94
Payments to Treasurer	\$	4,945.44	
Tax titles taken		67.50	
		<hr/>	\$ 5,012.94

## Taxes 1944

Outstanding January 1, 1945		\$10,579.24
Payments to Treasurer	\$ 5,917.63	
Tax titles taken	65.63	
Outstanding December 31, 1945	4,595.98	
	<hr/>	\$10,579.24

## Taxes 1945

Commitments per warrants	\$67,851.96	
Additional commitments	10.00	
Abatements after payment refunded	35.00	
	<hr/>	\$67,896.96
Payments to Treasurer	\$54,983.32	
Abatements	942.67	
Added to tax titles	440.31	
Outstanding December 31, 1945	11,530.66	
	<hr/>	\$67,896.96

## Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes 1944

Outstanding January 1, 1945		\$	178.45
Payments to Treasurer	\$	163.90	
Abatements		14.55	
		<hr/>	\$ 178.45

## Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes 1945

Commitments per warrants	\$ 2,398.48	
Abatement after payment refunded	5.08	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,403.56
Payments to Treasurer	2,170.74	
Abatements	28.33	
Outstanding Deember 31, -1945	204.49	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,403.56

## Interest and Costs on Taxes

Collections of 1945 interest:

Levy of 1942	\$ 1.55	
Levy of 1943	359.84	
Levy of 1944	150.03	
Levy of 1945	22.02	
	<hr/>	\$ 533.44

Motor vehicle excise interest:

Levy of 1944	4.76	
Levy of 1945	2.91	
	<hr/>	7.67

Costs of Taxes:

Levy of 1942	.35	
Levy of 1943	13.45	
Levy of 1944	9.45	
Levy of 1945	4.90	
	<hr/>	28.15

Costs of Motor Vehicle Excise:

Levy of 1944	14.95	
Levy of 1945	4.20	
	<hr/>	19.15
		588.41

Payments to Treasurer 1945:

Interest	541.11	
Costs	47.30	
	<hr/>	588.41

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES F. SLATE, Collector of Taxes.



# REPORT OF THE Town Accountant

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On compliance with the provisions of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, I submit the following report of the Accountant's Department for the calendar year ending December 31, 1945, including the source of all receipts, detail of appropriations and expenditures, statement of trust funds and Town debt, and a balance sheet showing the financial condition of the town, January 1, 1946.

FRED H. DOOLITTLE,  
Town Accountant.

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## ANALYSIS OF TREASURER'S RECEIPTS

Taxes from 1942	17.10	
Taxes from 1943	4,945.44	
Taxes from 1944	5,917.63	
Taxes from 1945 Poll	852.00	
Taxes from 1945 Personal	6,507.53	
Taxes from 1945 Real Estate	47,623.79	
		65,863.49
Tax Title		463.98
Motor Vehicle excise for 1944	163.90	
Motor Vehicle excise for 1945	2,170.74	
		2,334.64
From State		
Income Tax	8,055.00	
Corporation Tax	3,913.42	
Reimbursement for loss of tax	185.33	
Gas Tax	5,065.40	
Snow Removal	2,081.87	
		19,301.02
Licenses	56.00	
Health	20.00	
		76.00
Dog License	513.40	
Withholding Tax	3,318.40	
		3,831.80

From County		
Dog Fund	451.24	
Court Fines	50.00	
Highway, Chapter 90	750.00	
	<hr/>	1,251.24
From State		
Highways, Chapter 81-1944	1,045.75	
Highways, Chapter 81-1945	6,770.54	
Highways, Chapter 90-1945	250.00	
	<hr/>	8,066.29
Mass. School Fund	5,570.99	
Union Superintendent	676.67	
Inspection of Animals	21.25	
Meal Tax	814.84	
Vocational Education	421.01	
	<hr/>	7,504.76

## PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Sealer's Fees	49.26	
Fire Department and Truck	27.00	
Centripetal Pump	5.00	
	<hr/>	81.26

## HEALTH

Nurse Fees		407.00
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## CHARITIES

State Temporary Aid	1,322.94	
State A.D.C.	910.85	
State O.A.A.	13,804.57	
	<hr/>	17,441.44
U. S. Grant, A.D.C. Administrator	5.16	
U. S. Grant, A.D.C.	810.00	
U. S. Grant, O.A.A. Administrator	421.47	
U. S. Grant, O.A.A.	12,645.57	
	<hr/>	13,882.20

## SCHOOLS

Tuition and Transportation (State)	1,084.64	
Tuition and Transportation (Town)	160.00	
	<hr/>	1,244.64

## UNCLASSIFIED

Collector's Fees	47.30	
Rent of Town Hall	421.50	
Rent of Alexander Hall	9.00	
Library Fines	118.12	
Machinery Account	2,794.75	
Sale of Junk	54.52	
Sale of History	15.00	
Youth Hostel	150.00	
	<hr/>	3,610.19

## INTEREST

Interest on		
Deferred Taxes	510.81	
George F. Morgan Fund	60.60	
Elisha Alexander Fund	60.60	
Belcher Center School Fund	26.10	
Surplus Revenue	32.16	
Cemetery Funds (Treasurer)	264.78	
Cemetery Funds (Selectmen)	9.09	
Cemetery Funds (Stearns)	10.05	
Cemetery Funds (West Northfield)	239.74	
Library Fund	197.15	
C. P. Dickinson Book Fund	60.30	
Post War Fund	250.00	
	<hr/>	1,751.38

## CEMETERIES

Perpetual Care Fund	200.00	
Sale of Lots	235.00	
	<hr/>	435.00

## REFUNDS

Old Age Assistance	261.58	
Telephone	3.45	
Interest	1.23	
	<hr/>	266.26
Total Receipts		147,812.84
Cash on hand, Jan. 1945		48,819.11
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		196,631.95

## EXPENDITURES

### TOWN HALL

Appropriation	1,600.00	
Appropriation by Transfer	517.72	
Total Credits	<hr/>	2,117.72

### Payments

Harry M. Haskell	540.00
Western Mass. Elec. Co.	170.52
F. M. Dunnell	588.18
Northfield Water Co.	20.67
Joe Cifre, Inc.	323.06
Leavis & Bolton	167.45
Henry W. Hammond	28.80
C. L. Johnson	4.75
Alfred Holton	62.65
F. A. Irish	22.23

F. A. Holton	.66	
Albert J. Anderson	3.50	
C. E. Williams	.85	
Com. of Public Safety	5.00	
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	1,938.32	
Unexpended Balance to Overlay Reserve	179.40	
	<hr/>	2,117.72

#### SELECTMEN

Appropriation		600.00
	<b>Payments</b>	
F. M. Dunnell	15.00	
Fred A. Holton	200.00	
George W. Carr	200.00	
Ross L. Spencer	185.00	
	<hr/>	600.00

#### SELECTMEN'S EXPENSE ACCOUNT

Appropriation		100.00
	<b>Payments</b>	
New Eng. Tel. & Tel. Co	8.80	
Northfield Press	12.75	
F. A. Holton	1.86	
C. L. Johnson	6.00	
Franklin Co. Selectmen's Association	9.00	
U. S. Treasury	16.00	
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	54.41	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	45.59	
	<hr/>	100.00

#### MODERATOR AND COUNCIL

Appropriation		250.00
	<b>Payments</b>	
Wm. F. Hoehn	10.00	
Stoddard, Ball & Bartlett	90.15	
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	100.15	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	149.85	
	<hr/>	250.00

#### COLLECTOR

Appropriation		400.00
	<b>Payments</b>	
Charles F. Slate		400.00

**COLLECTOR**  
(Expense Account)

Appropriation	100.00	
Appropriation by Transfer	37.00	
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Total Credit		137.00
	<b>Payments</b>	
Charles F. Slate	8.70	
M. C. Skilton	30.34	
L. D. Quinlan	19.57	
Hobbs & Warren	49.89	
Reed-Shaw Agency	5.00	
Northfield Press	4.03	
Johnson & Johnson	3.50	
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	121.03	
Unexpended Balance to Overlay Reserve	15.97	
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		137.00

**TREASURER**

Appropriation		600.00
	<b>Payments</b>	
Charles F. Slate		600.00

**TREASURER**  
(Expense Account)

Appropriation	100.00	
Appropriation by Transfer	45.50	
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Total Credit		145.50
	<b>Payments</b>	
M. C. Skilton	91.80	
L. D. Quinlan	7.08	
Franklin Co. Trust Co.	32.50	
Northfield Press	6.00	
Charles F. Slate	2.00	
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	139.38	
Unexpended Balance to Overlay Reserve	6.12	
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		145.50

**TOWN CLERK**

Appropriation, salary	300.00	
Appropriation, Expense Account	40.00	
Total Credit	<hr/>	340.00
	<b>Payments</b>	
Josephine S. Haskell	300.00	
Com. of Public Safety	.50	



Robinson Seal Co.	3.63	
American Writing Ink Co.	1.18	
Josephine S. Haskell	19.11	
Hobbs & Warren	5.19	
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	329.61	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	10.39	
	<hr/>	340.00

#### ELECTION AND REGISTRATION

Appropriation		550.00
	<b>Payments</b>	
C. L. Johnson	67.00	
C. L. Gilbert	67.00	
Harry Gingras	67.00	
Josephine S. Haskell	14.44	
Northfield Press	16.25	
Robinson Seal Co.	31.94	
George Leonard	65.14	
Gene Cullam	60.40	
Election Officers	35.00	
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	424.17	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	125.83	
	<hr/>	550.00

#### ASSESSORS AND CLERK

Appropriation		600.00
	<b>Payments</b>	
Fred S. Merrifield	150.00	
Clifford A. Field	150.00	
Ernest A. Parker	300.00	
	<hr/>	600.00

#### ASSESSORS AND CLERK

##### (Expense Account)

Appropriation		75.00
	<b>Payments</b>	
Hobbs & Warren	23.93	
The Stoneham Independent	1.00	
Mass. Assessors Association	6.00	
Ernest A. Parker	8.85	
Northfield Press	15.50	
Burrows Adding Machine Co.	6.97	
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	62.25	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	12.75	
	<hr/>	75.00

## ACCOUNTANT

Appropriation, salary	600.00	
Appropriation, Expense Account	35.00	
Total Credit		635.00
	<b>Payments</b>	
F. H. Doolittle	600.00	
State Division of Accounts	12.10	
C. H. Demond	4.66	
The Bookstore	2.25	
F. H. Doolittle, postage & typing	11.00	
	630.01	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	4.99	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue		635.00

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation		1,700.00
	<b>Payments</b>	
C. L. Johnson, Fire Chief	286.88	
Charles Browning	44.00	
Clifford Bolton	21.50	
Edward Bolton	72.50	
Fred Bolton	15.00	
Andrew Gray	35.00	
George Lombard	15.00	
Lee Sheldon	24.00	
Alfred Holton	17.00	
Harrison Stacy	22.00	
Francis Reed	19.50	
Verne Ware	15.00	
Willis Parker	37.00	
Roy Barrows	5.00	
F. M. Dunnell	5.00	
Eugene Cullam	26.00	
Sundry Persons	29.50	
		689.88

### Supplies and Etc.

F. M. Dunnell	98.21
New Eng. Tel. & Tel.	59.93
Buffalo Appliance Corp.	72.23
American La France Corp.	307.05
Colton's Insurance Agency	155.00
Morgan's Garage	96.20
Hotel Northfield	15.30
S. O. Austin	61.25
Wilber Podlinski	8.58
J. V. McNeil	40.70

Avery's Store	3.98	
S. Allen Sons	2.30	
Northfield Pharmacy	2.64	
Owen Carey	2.25	
E. M. Gulow & Co.	4.50	
Northfield School for Girls	3.00	
Grass Fires	6.50	
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Unexpended Balance to Revenue		1,629.50
		70.50
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		1,700.00

#### WATER HOLES

Appropriation		125.00
	Payments	
J. V. McNeil	61.50	
Akins Garage	35.00	
C. L. Johnson	7.50	
Frank Anderson	21.00	
	<hr/>	125.00

#### HYDRANT SERVICE

Appropriation		400.00
	Payments	
Northfield Water Co.		400.00

#### CONSTABLE PAY

Appropriation		200.00
	Payments	
M. E. Vorce	98.34	
H. M. Haskell	16.60	
Joseph Morgan	20.95	
Joseph Ross	5.85	
Fred G. Huber	4.35	
M. M. Hammond	7.60	
Richard Hiller	5.20	
Dean Williams	3.30	
Leon Whitmore	6.70	
	<hr/>	168.89
Unexpended Balance to Revenue		31.11
	<hr/>	200.00

#### INSPECTION OF ANIMALS

Appropriation		100.00
	Payments	
Arthur Bolton	32.50	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	67.50	
	<hr/>	100.00

## SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Appropriation		150.00
	<b>Payments</b>	
Dean W. Williams	125.00	
Robinson Seal Co.	4.80	
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	129.80	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	20.20	
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		150.00

## INSPECTION OF MEAT AND SLAUGHTER

Appropriation		200.00
	<b>Payments</b>	
Horace W. Bolton	132.50	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	67.50	
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		200.00

## INSURANCE

Appropriation		1,200.00
	<b>Payments</b>	
A. P. Fitt, Casualty	335.64	
A. P. Fitt, Fire	725.98	
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	1,061.62	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	138.38	
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		1,200.00

## GYPSY MOTH

Appropriation		825.00
	<b>Payments</b>	
Frank Anderson	226.25	
Victor Sherwood	23.40	
Calvin Kenney	23.40	
Stephan Matosky	26.00	
Shirley Halloway	74.10	
Iving Walker	54.60	
William Andrews	26.00	
Frank W. Hance	34.11	
Franklin Tree Experts	175.00	
Frank Anderson, Truck	84.00	
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	746.86	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	78.14	
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		825.00

## TREE WARDEN

Appropriation		150.00
	<b>Payments</b>	
Dean W. Williams	11.65	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	138.35	
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		150.00

## PLANTING AND CARE OF TREES

Appropriation from 1944		121.34
	<b>Payments</b>	
Unexpended Balance to 1946		121.34

## TAX TITLE FORECLOSURE

Appropriation		50.00
	<b>Payments</b>	
Charles F. Slate	2.00	
Stoddard, Ball & Bartlett	48.00	
	<hr/>	50.00

## DEFENSE COM. AND HONOR ROLL

Appropriation	100.00	
Appropriation by Transfer	12.84	
Total Credit	<hr/>	112.84
	<b>Payments</b>	
Tin Collection	42.65	
Telephone	15.98	
The Northfield	24.00	
R. L. Spencer	15.00	
Max W. Huber	6.00	
Valley Photo Engraving Corp.	4.21	
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	107.84	
Unexpended Balance to Overlay Reserve	5.00	
	<hr/>	112.84

## VETERAN'S SERVICE

Appropriation		450.00
	<b>Payments</b>	
Town of Montague	430.92	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	19.08	
	<hr/>	450.00

## RATION BOARD

Appropriation		500.00
	<b>Payments</b>	
Priscilla Abbott	213.75	
Barbara Burrows	26.00	
Telephone	25.70	
Post Office	.45	
C. H. Demond	.95	
Mrs. C. D. Cochrane	6.50	
Mrs. S. H. Kehl	.39	
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	273.74	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	226.26	
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NURSE		
Appropriation		1,910.00
	<b>Payments</b>	
Euphrasia Purrington	155.00	
Natalie Gowan	1,700.00	
Mrs. Cembalisy	30.00	
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	1,885.00	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	25.00	
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		1,910.00

COMMUNITY NURSE (Expense)		
Appropriation		50.00
	<b>Payments</b>	
Northfield Pharmacy	7.92	
Mrs. Henry Johnson	8.55	
Miss Gowan	4.13	
E. F. Mahady Co.	6.68	
Telephone	1.45	
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	28.73	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	21.27	
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		50.00

HEALTH		
Appropriation		350.00
	<b>Payments</b>	
Dr. Alexander S. Nadas	50.00	
Dr. R. G. Holton	25.00	
Dr. F. Wilber Dean	28.00	
Town of Greenfield	25.50	
Sundry Persons	32.00	
Vital Statistics	76.50	
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	237.00	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	113.00	
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		350.00

HIGHWAYS—CHAPTER 81		
Appropriation		12,189.00
	<b>Payments</b>	
R. V. Gibson, Superintendent	1,209.00	
Labor:		
Henry Bassett	651.30	
Ernest Kenney	609.30	
Robert Strange	646.15	
George Smalley	215.80	
Kenneth Ruhl	226.20	
John Greenwood	128.70	

Milo Slaght	29.25
C. L. Johnson	6.00
Herman Fisher	3.90
Leon Randall	726.45
Herbert Black	723.45
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	5,182.25

#### TRUCKS AND MACHINERY AND MATERIALS

Town Truck #3	615.25
Town Truck #4	691.50
Town Scraper	95.50
Town Sander	32.00
Herman Fisher, truck	118.40
Herman Fisher, tractor	265.60
Frank Anderson, truck	110.40
Forest Fire Truck	8.00
American Tar Co.	1,158.05
The Lake Asphalt Co.	548.84
New Eng. Metal Culvert Co.	689.31
H. W. Taylor, tile	56.06
Morgan's Garage	60.48
J. L. Dunnell & Son	37.50
Northfield Washed Sand & Gravel	1,818.86
Max W. Huber, signs	5.00
W. D. Miller	.90
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	7,006.65
	12,188.90
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	.10
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	12,189.00

#### HIGHWAYS—CHAPTER 90

Appropriation:	
Town Share	500.00
State Share	250.00
County Share	750.00
Total Credits	<hr/>
	1,500.00

#### Payments

Ralph W. Gibson, Superintendent	45.00
Labor:	
Henry Bassett	29.25
Ernest Kenney	29.25
Robert Strange	29.25
Kenneth Ruhl	13.65
George Smalley	20.80
Leon Randall	24.05
Herbert Black	24.05
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	215.30

## TRUCKS, MACHINERY AND MATERIALS

Town Truck #3	27.75	
Town Truck #4	27.75	
Town Sander	10.50	
Herman Fisher, truck	20.80	
Frank Anderson, truck	33.60	
Northfield Washed Sand and Gravel	325.93	
American Tar Co.	838.37	
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	1,284.70	
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		1,500.00

## HIGHWAY TOOLS

Appropriation		100.00
	<b>Payments</b>	
Frank W. Hance	40.52	
W. D. Miller	13.09	
E. W. Gulow & Co., Inc.	3.70	
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	57.31	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	42.69	
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		100.00

## SIDEWALK FUND

Appropriation by Transfer		175.00
	<b>Payments</b>	
Ralph Gibson	14.00	
Henry Bassett	9.10	
Ernest Kenney	3.90	
Robert Strange	9.10	
Leon Randall	9.10	
Robert Black	9.10	
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	54.30	
Truck #3	10.50	
Truck #4	10.50	
Frank Anderson	6.00	
Northfield Washed Sand & Gravel	92.90	
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	119.90	
	174.20	
Unexpended Balance to Overlay Reserve	.80	
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		175.00

## SNOW REMOVING

Appropriation	5,500.00	
Appropriation by Transfer	331.99	
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Total Credits		5,831.99

### Payments

Ralph V. Gibson, Superintendent	561.00
Henry Bassett	374.75
Ernest Kenney	280.15
Robert Gibson	11.05
Herman Fisher	8.15
Russell Fisher	23.72
Thurstan Plantaugh	28.60
Leon Randall	422.50
Herbert Black	436.50
Robert Strange	20.80
George Smalley	10.40
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	2,177.62

### TRUCKS AND SUPPLIES

Town Truck #3	418.50
Town Truck #4	418.50
Hown Sander	57.50
Herman Fisher, tractor	234.75
Herman Fisher, truck	224.92
Herbert Black, plowing	42.75
Hotel Northfield, plowing	9.70
Spencer Bros. (walks)	158.00
Spencer Bros.	195.75
G. C. Buffam	4.79
Tenney Farms	2.29
Stearn's Garage	127.71
Morgan's Garage	313.93
Herman Fisher	2.00
E. F. Edson Co.	23.50
Welch Holyoke Boiler Works	414.59
International Salt Co.	150.70
Consolidated Steel Co.	110.44
Federal Tool & Steel Co.	374.76
The Chemical Corp.	64.50
Northfield Washed Sand & Gravel	186.45
Frank W. Hance	117.84
W. D. Miller	.50
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	3,654.37
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	5,831.99

### STREET LIGHTS

Appropriation	2,791.56
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### Payments

Western Mass. Electric Co.	2,971.56
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	2,971.56

# BRIDGE REPAIRS

Appropriation		500.00
	<b>Payments</b>	
Ralph Gibson, Superintendent	29.00	
Henry Bassett	13.65	
George Smalley	10.40	
Ernest Kenney	15.60	
Robert Strange	10.40	
Leon Randall	18.85	
Herbert Black	13.65	
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	111.55	
Town Truck #3	13.50	
Town Truck #4	9.00	
Tenney & Smead	109.32	
Frank Hance	5.45	
Leach Lumber Co.	64.00	
Fercalo & Van Valkenburgh	186.00	
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	387.27	
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	498.82	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	1.18	
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		500.00

# RAILINGS

Appropriation		300.00
	<b>Payments</b>	
Ralph V. Gibson, Superintendent	45.00	
Henry Bassett	13.00	
Ernest Kenney	23.40	
Robert Strange	24.05	
George Smalley	20.80	
Kenneth Ruhl	2.60	
Leon Randall	31.85	
Herbert Black	31.20	
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	191.90	
Truck #3	15.75	
Truck #4	16.50	
Tenney & Smead	33.60	
Fercalo & Van Valkenburgh	5.75	
W. D. Miller	1.01	
Ralph Gibson, posts	22.80	
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	95.23	
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	287.13	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	12.87	
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		300.00



# WARWICK AVENUE DRAIN

Appropriation		400.00
	Payments	
Ralph V. Gibson, Superintendent	44.21	
Henry Bassett	15.60	
Robert Strange	15.60	
George Smalley	10.40	
Leon Randall	15.60	
Herbert Black	10.40	
Ernest Kenney	15.60	
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	127.41	
W. D. Miller	6.59	
Northfield Washed Sand & Gravel	4.50	
Town Truck #3	1.50	
H. W. Taylor	260.00	
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	272.59	
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		400.00

# PINE MEADOW DRAIN

Appropriation		500.00
	Payments	
Ralph W. Gibson, Superintendent	79.79	
Henry Bassett	54.60	
Ernest Kenney	56.55	
Robert Strange	55.90	
George Smalley	53.30	
Leon Randall	59.80	
Herbert Black	55.90	
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	415.84	
Town Truck #3	20.25	
Town Truck #4	23.25	
Fercolo & Van Valkenburgh	22.66	
Northfield Washed Sand & Gravel	28.00	
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	94.16	
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		500.00

# ROAD MACHINERY FUND

Appropriation by Transfer		1,800.00
	Payments	
Leon Randall	22.10	
Herbert Black	21.45	
Morgan's Garage	203.80	
Stearns Garage	534.52	
Spencer Bros.	382.78	
Hotel Northfield	62.33	

Colton's Insurance Agency	113.38	
Allied Steel Corp.	137.67	
G. C. Buffam	4.42	
Unitarian Church	35.00	
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	1,517.45	
Unexpended Balance to Machinery Acct.	282.55	
	<hr/>	1,800.00

#### MACHINERY ACCOUNT

Cash on Hand Jan. 1, 1945		8,675.52
Cash received from Trucks and Machinery		2,794.75
Cash returned from Road Machinery Account		282.55
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		11,752.82
Payments by Transfer		
Road Machinery Fund	1,800.00	
Truck Account	1,500.00	
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Balance to 1946		8,452.82

#### PUBLIC WELFARE

Appropriation		5,000.00
	Payments	
Cash Payments	4,066.17	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	933.83	
	<hr/>	5,000.00

#### PUBLIC WELFARE CLERK

Appropriation		150.00
	Payment	
George W. Carr	150.00	
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#### A. D. C. and O. A. A. CLERK

Appropriation		300.00
	Payment	
George W. Carr	25.00	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	275.00	
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#### AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Appropriation		3,500.00
	Payment	
Relief Rendered	2,134.70	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	1,365.30	
	<hr/>	3,500.00

## AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

### (U. S. Grant)

Appropriation Balance from 1944	5.41	
Appropriation, Received from U. S. Grant	810.00	
Total Credits	<u>          </u>	815.41
Payments		
Cash Payments	815.41	815.41

### A.D.C. ADMINISTRATOR

#### (U. S. Grant)

Appropriation Balance from	1.12	
Appropriation, Received from U. S. Grant	5.16	
Total Credits	<u>          </u>	6.28
Payments		
George W. Carr	5.00	
Unexpended Balance to 1946	<u>1.28</u>	6.28

### O.A.A. ADMINISTRATOR

#### (U. S. Grant)

Appropriation from 1944	143.98	
Appropriation Received from U. S. Grant	421.47	
Total Credits	<u>          </u>	565.45
Payments		
George W. Carr	300.00	
George W. Carr (Expense)	4.96	
J. M. Wright	.50	
The Bookstore	1.30	
Hobbs & Warren	1.36	
New Eng. Tel. & Tel.	<u>11.76</u>	
	319.88	
Unexpended Balance to 1946	<u>245.57</u>	565.45

#### O.A.A. (U. S. Grant)

Grant Received		12,645.57
Cash Payments	12,614.87	
Unexpended Balance to 1946	<u>30.70</u>	12,645.57

### OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Appropriation	19,000.00	
Appropriation (Special)	1,200.00	
Total Credits	<u>          </u>	20,200.00
Cash Payments	20,104.80	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	<u>95.20</u>	20,200.00

# SOLDIER'S RELIEF

Appropriation		1,200.00
	<b>Payments</b>	
Cash Payments	813.61	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	356.39	
	<hr/>	1,200.00

# GEORGE F. MORGAN FUND

Appropriation Balance from 1944	61.63	
Received from Investments	60.30	
Total Credits	<hr/>	121.93
	<b>Payments</b>	
Cash Payments	75.30	
Unexpended Balance to 1945	46.63	
	<hr/>	121.93

# ELISHA ALEXANDER FUND

Appropriation Balance from 1944	80.96	
Appropriation, Received from Investments	60.60	
Total Credits	<hr/>	141.56
	<b>Payments</b>	
Unexpended Balance to 1946	141.56	141.56

# SCHOOLS FINANCIAL REPORT

Appropriation	40,500.00	
Appropriation by Transfer	600.00	
	<hr/>	41,100.00

# EXPENDITURES

Administrative	
Sup't. Robert N. Taylor, Salary	1,365.00
Clerk's Salary	315.00
Music Instructor	450.00
Penmanship Instructor	350.00
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	2,480.00
Teacher's Salaries	
Chester R. Parker	2,540.00
Evelyn G. Lawley	1,720.00
Adeline L. O'Neil	870.00
Helen L. Thompson	870.00
Mary M. Smyth	1,380.00
Gloria T. Kosciusko	760.50
Betty A. Southwick	511.00
Nellie W. Dearstyne	600.00
Elizabeth G. Mayberry	640.00
George M. Leonard	1,790.00
Dorothy O. Totman	1,240.00
Elizabeth G. Braley	1,190.00
Ruth W. Bolton	1,190.00
Evelyn H. Parker	1,190.00
Mary E. Dalton	1,190.00

Helen L. Scherlin	690.00
Dorothy W. Clough	644.00
Catherine Sheldon	500.00
Arline L. French	500.00
Lois Russell	86.00
Mrs. Clecland Cochrane	127.00
Eleanor Parker	24.00
Mrs. Ruth Brown	50.00
Mrs. George Leonard	5.00
Mrs. Sidney Given	18.00
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	20,325.50
Janitors Salaries	
Leo Fortier	1,533.33
Edward Fortier	465.50
Frank Britton	249.00
Warren Whitney	2.38
Donald Hutchinson	1.00
Sundry Persons	14.89
Lillian Fortier	20.00
Barbara Fortier	20.00
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	2,306.10
Textbooks:	
The Boston Music Co.	7.67
Emerson Books Inc	1.13
The Garrard Press	6.00
Ginn & Co.	34.98
The Gregg Publishing Co.	10.06
The Grolier Society, Inc.	8.06
Harcourt, Brace & Co.	1.00
Harvard University Press	1.87
D. C. Heath & Co.	40.91
Hinds, Hayden & Eldredge	1.02
Houghton, Mifflin Co.	4.86
Lothrop, Lee & Shepard Co.	2.07
L. W. Singer & Co.	121.50
The Macmillan Co.	9.53
Nat'l. Education Association	4.12
The Odyssey Press Inc.	1.06
Oxford Book Co.	6.80
Row, Peterson & Co.	87.69
Noble & Noble	.87
Teachers' Rearch Press	2.04
Charles Scribners' Sons	12.58
Silver Burdett Co.	4.06
Scott, Foresman & Co.	10.38
State Dept. of Education	3.00
O. H. Toothaker	9.73
South Western Publishing Co.	15.37
World Almanac	4.90



The Book Supply Co.	4.63
American Book Co	33.10
Webster Publishing Co.	1.98
John E. Winston Co.	11.02
Doubleday, Doran & Co.	6.21
Nat'l Council of Teachers	2.47
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	472.67
Janitor's Supplies	
F. A. Irish	4.10
Aver's Stors	2.58
California Wiping Co.	14.03
Carter Paper Co.	18.96
Cascade Paper Co.	185.40
K. M. Crawford Co.	51.00
C. B. Dolge Co.	103.01
Du-Er Products Co.	235.74
J. I. Holcomb Mann Co.	11.63
G. N. Kidder	7.80
W. D. Miller	15.30
State Prison Colony	1.93
J. L. Hammett	7.00
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	658.48
Students' Supplies	
Athletic Trainers Supply	15.73
Edward E. Babb & Co.	8.16
Beaudette & Co.	2.74
General Biological Supply	16.25
Cascade Paper Co.	102.86
Cambosco Scientific Co.	7.90
Castle Films	8.39
Clark Hardware Co.	.65
F. Wilton Dean	3.10
Denoyer-Gepput Co.	6.51
Gledhill Bros.	36.80
J. L. Hammett Co.	213.57
Mead and Wheeler	6.24
Mittag and Volger, Inc.	27.00
Nat'l Education Association	3.61
Northfield Pharmacy	5.99
The Palmer Co.	1.06
Papercrafters Inc.	139.92
Row Peterson & Co.	3.26
South Western Publishing Co.	10.27
Society for Visual Education	21.17
Visual Education Service	4.55
Webster Publishing Co.	3.82
W. N. Welch Mfg. Co.	14.85
World Book Co.	41.24

James W. Brine	136.50	
Gibbon's Music House	19.77	
Myers & Carrington	3.04	
Montgomery Ward & Co.	5.40	
H. T. Janes	10.40	
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	880.75	
Supplies-Domestic Science		
Averys Store	.52	
A. & P. Store	20.23	
F. A. Irish	4.36	
W. D. Miller	15.90	
Morgan's Garage	1.00	
Morgans Store	35.13	
Betty Southwick	15.37	
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	92.51	
Tuition: Vocational		
Town of Greenfield		946.33
Transportation:		
James B. Dresser	800.00	
Helen L. Black	800.00	
Robert D. Dumbreck	240.00	
The Northfield	5,541.00	
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	7,381.25	
New Equipment:		
C. R. Finch	50.00	
J. L. Hammett Co.	26.55	
W. M. Welch Mfg. Co.	148.00	
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	224.55	
Water and Lights		857.26
Fuel		
Charles F. Peck Co.	107.25	
G. O. Dunnell	2,236.27	
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	2,343.52	
Medical		
F. Wilton Dean, M. D.	150.00	
Euphrasia Purrington	25.00	
Natalie J. Gowan	225.00	
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	400.00	
Roadway		
Northfield Washed Sand & Gravel	36.00	
American Tar Co.	91.00	
Labor on Roadway	32.25	
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	159.25	

# Repairs

Leavis & Bolton	135.90
Joseph Bartus	250.00
Baldor Electric Co.	1.23
George V. Corsiglia	107.40
Gray's Drapery Shop	116.85
John Wilson & Co.	3.75
C. H. Demond	16.50
Du-Co Products	130.27
Alfred E. Holton	17.20
Northfield School for Girls	22.22
Morgan's Garage	25.90
Nash Engineering Co.	9.04
G. N. Kidder	3.95
J. M. Perry	5.00
C. R. Swaney	23.38
W. D. Miller	116.70

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985.29

# Sundry Educational Expense

Lawrence D. Quinlan	18.32
J. L. Hammett Co.	.85
F. W. Anderson	99.50
Johnson & Johnson	22.00
Vinton School Form Co.	2.77
Robert N. Taylor	35.02
Dr. H. Robinson Shepherd	20.00
New Eng. Tel. & Tel.	142.15
Oral & Koster	5.60
Town of Greenfield	9.00
Chester R. Parker	80.25
Mrs. Henry A. Johnson	3.75
The School Executive	4.00
Division of University Extension	12.00
Martin E. Vorce	8.75
Commission of Public Safety	15.00
George M. Leonard	79.06
Carlisle Co.	4.63
Helen M. Stearns	15.00

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577.65

Total School Expenditures 41,091.11

Unexpended Balance to Overlay Reserve 8.89

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41,100.00

# SCHOOL COMMITTEE

## Appropriation

150.00

## Payments

Sidney Given	50.00
I. J. Lawrence	50.00
Lillian G. Wells	50.00

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150.00

# **BELCHER CENTER SCHOOL FUND**

Appropriation from Investments	26.10
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## **Payments**

Unexpended Balance to 1946	26.10
Appropriation	2,500.00

## **Payments**

Lucy Eveleth	1,100.00
Frank Britton	328.00
F. M. Durnell	237.10
John Jurkowski, Jr.	6.00
Mrs. Austin Phelps	228.10
Lumen Barber	3.00
Western Mass. Electric Co.	85.25
Northfield Co.	12.00
C. L. Johnson	2.00
Morgan's Store	1.09
W. D. Miller	4.74
W. H. Snow	3.00
Johnson & Johnson	7.25
W. H. Hammond	6.10
Leavis & Bolton	2.50
F. W. Shumway	20.00
The H. R. Huntting Co.	191.56
Book of the Month Club	19.71
Imperial Book Co.	100.43
Springfield News Co.	12.28
Barrett & Baker	24.36
C. R. Finch	9.00
Durico Library Supply Co.	15.75
J. Wesley & Sons	39.44
Ideal Publishing Co.	3.75
Gaylord Bros. Inc.	2.55
Petty Cash	23.00
John Wilson Co.	2.94
American Library Association	3.00
The Bookstore	1.49

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2,495.11

Unexpended Balance to Revenue	4.89
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2,500.00

## **LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS**

Appropriation Balance from 1944	14.04
Appropriation from Income	197.15

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211.19

## **Payments**

The H. R. Huntting Co.	35.01
C. R. Finch	9.00
Book of the Month Club	8.72
F. M. Dunnell	16.40

W. D. Miller	1.29	
Frank Britton	35.29	
Cash	5.00	
Lucy Eveleth	100.00	
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	210.62	
Unexpended Balance to 1945	.57	
	<hr/>	211.19
<b>C. P. DICKINSON BOOK FUND</b>		
Appropriation Balance from 1944	9.56	
Appropriation, Income 1945	60.30	
Total Credits	<hr/>	69.86
<b>Payments</b>		
Barrett & Baker	17.51	
The H. R. Huntting Co.	52.16	
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	69.67	
Unexpended Balance to 1946	.19	
	<hr/>	69.86
<b>NORTHFIELD FARMS LIBRARY</b>		
Appropriation		50.00
<b>Payments</b>		
Charles L. Gilbert, Treasurer	50.00	
		50.00
<b>ALEXANDER HALL</b>		
Appropriation	150.00	
Appropriation by Transfer	37.12	
Total Credits	<hr/>	187.12
<b>Payments</b>		
Alfred Holton	20.65	
Du-Ev Products Co., Inc.	36.47	
Leo Fortier	120.00	
Mrs. Percy Goodspeed	10.00	
	<hr/>	187.12
<b>MEMORIAL DAY</b>		
Appropriation	125.00	
Appropriation by Transfer	4.88	
Total Credits	<hr/>	129.88
<b>Payments</b>		
Northfield School for Girls	1.70	
John Wilson Co.	7.38	
The Smith Printing Co.	7.00	
The Northfield	10.00	
Christine B. Corser	27.00	
Capt. W. T. Woodrow	15.80	
Malcolm K. Hall (Director)	25.00	
Elliot N. Clark	10.00	
Capt. Lester P. White	25.00	
	<hr/>	129.88



**LEGION ROOM**

Appropriation		1,500.00	
	<b>Payments</b>		
Leavis & Bolton		965.70	
C. L. Johnson		129.60	
Alfred Holton		37.75	
Haven Spencer Post		232.07	
C. A. Field		22.60	
James A. Britton		9.60	
Harrison Stacy		5.60	
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		1,402.95	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue		97.08	
		<hr/>	1,500.00

**CLOCK AND FOUNTAIN**

Appropriation			120.00
	<b>Payments</b>		
Northfield Water Co.		75.00	
Gene Cullam		25.00	
C. L. Johnson		3.00	
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		103.00	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue		17.00	
		<hr/>	120.00

**CARE OF ATHLETIC FIELD**

Appropriation			175.00
	<b>Payments</b>		
Frank Anderson		71.93	
Spencer Bros.		54.00	
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		125.93	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue		49.07	
		<hr/>	175.00

**TOWN REPORTS**

Appropriation			300.00
	<b>Payments</b>		
Northfield Press		235.00	
F. A. Holton, (postage)		10.00	
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		245.00	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue		55.00	
		<hr/>	300.00

**BONDS AND DAMAGE**

Appropriation			400.00
	<b>Payments</b>		
Colton's Insurance Agency		167.75	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue		232.25	
		<hr/>	400.00

# **GRADING OF PARKING LOT**

Appropriation		500.00
	<b>Payments</b>	
Ralph V. Gibson, Superintendent	51.00	
Henry Bassett	17.55	
Ernest Kenney	17.55	
Robert Strange	5.20	
George Smalley	5.20	
Leon Randall	33.15	
Herbert Black	22.75	
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	152.40	
Truck #3	29.25	
Truck #3	20.25	
Frank Anderson	4.80	
Carlo Bucossi	74.00	
Northfield Washed Sand & Gravel	219.00	
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	347.30	
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	499.70	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	.30	
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		500.00

## **RESERVE FUND**

Appropriation from Overlay Reserve		1,900.00
Payments by transfer		
To Town Hall	517.72	
To Collectors Expense	37.00	
To Treasurer's Expense	45.50	
To Defense and Honor Roll	12.84	
To Sidewalk Fund	175.00	
To Alexander Hall	37.12	
To Memorial Day	4.88	
To Schools	600.00	
To Snow Removal	331.99	
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	1,762.05	
Unexpended Balance to Overlay Reserve	137.95	
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		1,900.00

## **BELCHER CENTER CEMETERY FUND**

Appropriation		1,000.00
	<b>Payments</b>	
Franklin Co. Trust Co., for U. S. Bonds	1,000.00	
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		1,000.00

## **CEMETERIES**

Appropriation		800.00
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### Payments

Stephan Matosky	248.25	
Tessie Matosky	194.10	
Frank Britton	169.30	
Ernest Kenney	17.20	
Fred Chapin	25.81	
Bert Raymond	14.00	
J. J. Bartus	75.20	
Francis Fisher	5.20	
G. O. Dunnell	15.00	
W. H. Snow	18.00	
G. N. Kidder	21.64	
Northfield Water Co.	6.00	
	<hr/>	800.00

### WEST NORTHFIELD CEMETERY

Appropriation from Income 410.67

#### Payments

Carleton Holton	87.20	
Ralph Holton	33.60	
Rev. E. W. Blackstone	33.30	
Ruth Holton	12.00	
G. N. Kidder	12.00	
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	178.10	
Unexpended Balance to 1946	232.57	
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### CEMETERY FENCE, MT. HERMON

Appropriation from 1944 66.30

#### Payments

Ted Quinn	15.00	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	51.30	
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### CEMETERY TRUST FUND

Appropriation, Income from Securities 270.84

#### Payments

Fred Chapin	60.07	
Frank Britton	111.12	
Frank Bartus	43.50	
George N. Kidder	32.75	
Joseph Bartus	5.00	
Carleton Holton	5.00	
W. H. Snow	4.50	
Northfield Water Co.	6.00	
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	267.64	
Unexpended Balance to 1946	3.20	
	<hr/>	270.84

## INCOME FROM U. S. BONDS

Interest on hand Jan. 1 1945	154.53	
Interest in 1945	250.00	
Total on hand Dec. 31, 1945	<u>          </u>	404.53

## INTEREST ACCOUNT

Appropriation		500.00
<b>Payments</b>		
The Merchant's Nat'l Bank of Boston	405.00	
Franklin Co. Trust Co.	1.23	
State Division of Accounts	2.00	
	408.22	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	<u>91.77</u>	500.00

## GRADE SCHOOL DEBT

Appropriation		4,500.00
<b>Payments</b>		
The Merchant's National Bank of Boston	4,500.00	
	<u>          </u>	4,500.00

## RECAPITULATION

### TOTAL APPROPRIATION, PAYMENTS AND UNEXPENDED BALANCES

	Payment	Appropriations	Balance
Selectmen's Expense Acct.	54.41	100.00	45.59
Moderator and Counsel	100.15	250.00	149.85
Election and Registration	424.17	550.00	125.83
Town Clerk, Expense and Salary	329.61	340.00	10.39
Accountant	630.01	635.00	4.99
Assessors and Clerk, Expense	62.25	75.00	12.75
Fire Department	1,629.50	1,700.00	70.50
Constable Pay	168.89	200.00	31.11
Inspection of Animals	32.50	100.00	67.50
Sealer, Weights and Measures	129.80	150.00	20.20
Inspection of Meat and Slaughter	186.50	200.00	13.50
Insurance	1,061.62	1,200.00	138.38
Gypsy Moth	746.86	825.00	78.14
Tree Warden	11.65	150.00	138.35
Veterans Service Center	430.92	450.00	19.08
Ration Board	273.74	500.00	226.26
Community Nurse	1,885.00	1,910.00	25.00
Community Nurse, Expense Acct.	28.73	50.00	21.27
Health	237.00	350.00	113.00
Highway—81	12,188.90	12,189.00	.10

Highway Tools	57.31	100.00	42.69
Bridge Repairs	498.82	500.00	1.18
Railings	287.13	300.00	12.87
Public Welfare	4,066.17	5,000.00	933.83
O. A. A. and A. D. C. Administrator	25.00	300.00	275.00
A. D. C.	2,134.70	3,500.00	1,365.30
Old Age Assistance	20,104.80	20,200.00	95.20
Soldiers Relief	843.61	1,200.00	356.39
Library	2,495.11	2,500.00	4.89
Legion Room	1,402.92	1,500.00	97.08
Town Clock and Fountain	103.00	120.00	17.00
Care of Athletic Field	125.93	175.00	49.07
Town Reports	245.00	300.00	55.00
Bonds and Damage	167.75	400.00	232.25
Parking Lot and Grading	499.70	500.00	.30
Mt. Hermon Cemetery Fence	15.00	66.30	51.30
Interest Account	408.23	500.00	91.77

Unexpended Balance to Revenue

4,992.9\*

Town Hall	1,938.32	2,117.72	179.40
Collector, Expense	121.03	137.00	15.97
Treasurer, Expense	139.38	145.50	6.12
Defense and Honor Roll	107.84	112.84	5.00
Sidewalk Fund	174.20	175.00	.80
Schools	41,091.11	41,100.00	8.89
Reserve Fund		137.95	137.95

Unexpended Balance to Overlay Reserve

354.13

Selectmen	600.00	600.00
Collector	400.00	400.00
Treasurer	600.00	600.00
Assessors and Clerk	600.00	600.00
Water Holes	125.00	125.00
Hydrant Service	400.00	400.00
Tax Title Foreclosure	50.00	50.00
Highway Chapter 90	1,500.00	1,500.00
Snow Removal	5,831.99	5,831.99
Street Lights	2,971.56	2,971.56
Warwick Ave. Drain	400.00	400.00
Northfield Farms Drain	500.00	500.00
Public Welfare Clerk	150.00	150.00
School Committee	150.00	150.00
Northfield Farms Library	50.00	50.00
Alexander Hall	187.12	187.12
Memorial Day	129.88	129.88
Cemeteries	800.00	800.00
School Debt	4,500.00	4,500.00
A.D.C. (U. S. Grant)	815.41	815.41
Belcher Fund (center Cemetery)	1,000.00	1,000.00



Assessors Expense Acct.		120.00	120.00
Planting and Care of Trees		121.34	121.34
Truck Exchange		1,500.00	1,500.00
A.D.C. Administrator (U. S. Grant)	5.00	6.28	1.28
O.A.A. (U. S. Grant)	12,614.87	12,645.57	30.70
O.A.A. Administrator (U. S. Grant)	319.88	565.45	245.57
George F. Morgan Fund	75.30	121.93	46.63
Elisha Alexander Fund		141.56	141.56
Belcher School Fund		26.10	26.10
Dickinson Book Fund	69.67	69.86	.19
Library Trust Funds	210.62	211.19	.57
Cemetery Funds	267.64	270.84	3.20
Cemetery Calvin Stearns Lot	8.15	18.15	10.00
Cemetery West Northfield	187.08	410.67	232.59
U. S. Bond, Income		404.53	404.53
Unexpended Balance to 1946			2,884.26
Road Machinery Fund	1,517.45	1,800.00	
Balance to Machinery Acct.			282.55
Machinery Account	3,300.00	11,752.82	
Balance to 1946			8,452.82

#### ADDITIONAL PAYMENTS

##### Refunds:

Taxes 1944	13.83
Taxes 1945	35.00
Taxes, Motor Vehicle Excise	5.08
Collectors Costs	34.00
Held for 1944 Bill	5.00
Dog Licenses	513.40
State Tax	2,108.00
State Tax, Parks & Reservation	58.98
State Audit	272.48
County Tax	4,774.18
County Tax, Health	164.91
Investment Funds	200.00
Income Tax	3,265.60

Total Cash Payments	146,142.37
Cash on Hand Dec. 31, 1945	50,489.58
	196,631.95

REPORT OF THE  
**School Committee**

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ORGANIZATION FOR YEAR 1945

Sidney H. Given, Chairman	Term Expires 1946
Lillian G. Wells, Secretary	Term Expires 1948
Irving J. Lawrence	Term Expires 1947

MEETINGS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The regular meetings of the School Committee are held on the third Saturday of each month, except July and August, at 10:00 P.M. at the Superintendent's Office.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Robert N. Taylor, B.Ch.E.; M.Ed.  
Office, Center School, Tel. 757

SCHOOL SECRETARY

Helen L. Deane

OFFICE HOURS

School Days, 8:30 A.M. to 4 P.M.  
School Vacations, 9 A.M. to 4 P.M.

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

F. Wilton Dean, M. D.

SCHOOL NURSE

Natalie J. Gowen, R. N.

SCHOOL CALENDAR 1946-1947

Schools Opened January 2, 1946	Close February 15, 1946
Schools Open February 25, 1946	Close April 12, 1946
Schools Open April 22, 1946	Close June 21, 1946
Schools Open September 4, 1946	Close December 20, 1946
Schools Open January 6, 1947	Close February 21, 1947
Schools Open March 3, 1947	Close April 18, 1947
Schools Open April 28, 1947	Close June 20, 1947

Elementary School Closes One Week Earlier in June

## REPORT OF THE School Superintendent

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To the School Committee and Citizens of Northfield:

I am pleased to submit to you my fifth annual report dealing with the activities of the Northfield Public Schools. This is the 209th report on public education in the Town of Northfield.

### Post War Planning

Since my last report the war has ended and a great sigh of relief has gone over the land. We are delighted to welcome home the two hundred or more young men and women most of whom were educated in our schools. I dare not say that "Peace" has come to the world as yet but we all hope that an enduring peace may be developed.

All are agreed that any peace to be enduring must have for its foundation a thorough well grounded base of free and democratic education. To this end and in honor of the Northfield men, former students in our schools, who died to bring it about I dedicate this report. An enduring memorial to these heroes, one in which genuine satisfaction could be found, a living memorial, should be planned. A community-school gymnasium housing recreation facilities for all has been suggested. A need exists for such a building or an addition to the present plant.

The war is over and we must now concentrate our attention on other problems. The returned veteran; the teaching of a philosophy of world peace; the readjustment of the school to fit a new kind of world, a smaller world; the preparation of our youth for a new age, the atomic age, just to mention a few that demand our careful consideration. The need for educational facilities for younger children than we now accept is apparent by the request of many parents to enrol their children below the normal 1st grade age. Training in social experience and in preparation for school is now a recognized feature in a complete educational program. A kindergarten could be included in the above building or addition.

A curriculum committee has been appointed to investigate and report at a later date the changes and revisions necessary to keep our schools at top level in the post-war years.

### Teacher Changes

There were six changes in our teaching staff during 1945. Three in the high school, two in the Center School and one part time supervisor. There were fewer applicants than ever for these positions but fortunately we were able to open schools with a complete staff.

#### Resignations:

Miss Adeline O'Neil, English-Spanish after two years with us. She is now teaching in Connecticut.

Mrs. Gloria Kosciusko, Household Arts and Biology after one year in Northfield. She is not teaching at last reports.

Mrs. Helen Thompson, History and Latin after one year to accept a similar position in Orange High School.

Miss Helen Scherlin, Grade V, after three years in our Union, one of which was in Northfield, to accept a position in the Greenfield System at a substantial increase in salary.

Mrs. Dorothy Clough, Grade II, after one year to devote her whole time to home duties.

Mrs. Marion Goodspeed, Music Supervisor in Northfield for seventeen years, resigned to devote her whole time to home duties. Mrs. Goodspeed's cheery smile will be missed. Her conscientious effort with her pupils made it possible for us to have special programs that were not only educational but also were greatly appreciated by both audiences and participants.

#### Appointments:

Miss Nellie Dearstyne with a B.A. from A.I.C. and M.Ed. from Springfield College as English-Spanish and Economic teacher. She is also faculty advisor for the school publication.

Miss Betty Southwick with a B.S. from Mass. State as teacher of Household Arts, Biology and Director of the School Lunch Room.

Mrs. Elizabeth Mayberry, a former teacher in our high school, as teacher of Business Law in the High School and Social Studies in both schools.

Mrs. George Sheldon, a former teacher in our system, as teacher in the 6, 7, 8 division.

Mrs. Willis Parker has been transferred to Grade V.

Miss Arlene French, a graduate of Castleton Normal and with four years experience in Peru, Dummerston, and Windham, Vt., as teacher in Grade II.

Mrs. George Leonard, a teacher in Northfield for many years, as music supervisor.



### **Dorothy L. Miller**

Dorothy L. Miller, secretary of the Northfield School Committee, terminated her services in February, 1945, by not being a candidate for re-election. Mrs. Miller was first elected to the School Committee in February, 1936, and had served faithfully for nine years.

Her keen interest in education coupled with her desire to develop in Northfield a modern progressive school system entitles her to the gratitude of her fellow citizens. Hers is an example of public service unselfishly granted.

### **Helen Wozniak Mason**

The members of the school department were deeply grieved to learn of the untimely death of Miss Helen Wozniak, a graduate of our schools and later teacher for two years in Grade 5. Helen was a good teacher, serious of purpose, extremely conscientious and was loved by us all for her quick smile and cheery disposition. Our deepest sympathy is extended to her family in their tragic loss.

### **Parent-Teacher Association**

During the year a group of interested citizens met and discussed the formation of a P.T.A. Since the majority present felt that there was a place for such an organization, officers were elected. Three meetings have been held and the attendance was excellent.

Just so long as such an organization is definitely interested in matters of school policy; so long as it can offer constructive help to the school system and so long as it considers its function as one of community service and cooperation for the common cause of education, is its existence justified. In Northfield there is need for such an organization to help unify the parents of the five former school districts into a group, thinking in terms of the over-all good that can be done for public education in Northfield. This is another important milestone in our progress as a town.

### **Vocational Education**

Eleven regular day students are now enrolled at the Greenfield Vocational School. This number is larger than at any time since the inclusion of this feature in our educational curriculum. In addition to the above we also have six adults enrolled in the Greenfield Evening Vocational School taking special work in plumbing and carpentry. The rate of tuition for the day



students is \$145 per year and for the adults 20c per hour of instruction. The sum of \$1425 has been included in our 1946 budget for this item, an increase of \$600 over the 1945 requirement.

### Testing

Every pupil in the school system has been tested by one or more standardized tests during the school year. For many this is the 4th consecutive year of this work and we are now able to make profile charts for individual pupils. This is exceedingly important because we can determine the pupil's learning rate as well as his strong and weak points.

Important as it is to measure the individual pupil not less important are the results of these tests in helping to evaluate our school program by examination of the group results. From them we can determine places in need of greater emphasis or revision. Critical self-examination is a modern educational procedure.

## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

### METROPOLITAN ACHIEVEMENT TEST (FORM C)

	Standard Median	Northfield's Median
Grade I	1.8	2.0
Grade II	2.8	2.9
Grade III	3.8	3.8
Grade IV	4.8	5.0
Grade V	5.8	5.9
Grade VI	6.8	6.6
Grade VII	7.8	7.8
Grade VIII	8.8	8.8

From the above it would seem that our elementary school is a normal one. Only one grade measured below the standard median and that by only two months.

Other test results are as follows:

Subject	Test	Std. Median	North. Median
Algebra I	Col. Research Bur. A	16	22
Plane Geom.	Col. Research Geometry	30	28
Physics	Col. Research Physics A	46	60
Spanish I	Col. Research Spanish B	(None for 1st. yr. students)	112
Spanish II	Col. Research Spanish B	164	142
American Hist	Col. Res. U.S. History B	81	88
Latin I	N.Y. Latin Achievement	132	91
Biology	Ruch-Cossman Form A	40	43

#### Barret-Ryan Schrammel English Cm

Grade 9	88	71
Grade 10	96	80
Grade 11	103	88
Grade 12	106	103

Tests were also given in World History, Bookkeeping, and American Literature but comparison of results was not possible due to great variance in subject matter taught and that which was included in the tests.

Many of our potentially high ranking pupils attend the local private schools. This would account for some of the high school classes not reaching standard median scores in some subjects. That progress is being made in reorganization of our high school curriculum is noted by the fact that fewer classes are below the standard medians each year and some how exceed the medians that formerly were below.

Classes composed of specialized groups usually have no trouble achieving standard scores because only pupils who want these specific courses elect them for study. We do not have enrolment large enough to make numerous gradations in subject matter, consequently the slower pupil is forced to study and cover the same material as the brighter ones. This alone, accounts for the fact that our English scores are below standard medians, though many pupils in these classes achieved much higher than standard scores. In time it will be possible to develop local medians and they would be of greater value in self-evaluation.

#### Work Permits

Educational certificates and work permits are issued at the Office of the Supt. of Schools. If you did not attend the first grade in Northfield, it will be necessary that you bring a copy of your birth certificate. All persons between the ages of 14-21 are required by law to present these cards to employers before starting work.

#### Transportation

With the end of gasoline rationing it was possible to renew three suspended bus routes and we now carry all pupils who live

more than 1½ miles from school in accordance with a vote of the town. Few towns in this state are as generous as Northfield in the matter of transportation of school pupils.

The added expense to the town for 1946 will amount to \$1400.

### Repairs

During the year the following repairs and improvements to the school plant were made.

#### High School:

Sanded and resealed the floors of the main room; teachers room and laboratory.

Reset window shades to make a dark room for visual education.

#### Center School:

Painted exterior wood trim.

Resealed all wood floors.

Refinished 72 desk tops.

Replaced return pump and installed new univent valves throughout heating system.

Readjusted all shades and added dark shades for visual education room.

During 1946 we should plan to reconvert the Center School to oil but to a higher grade than was originally used. The present temporary coal bin is inadequate for permanent use and the removing of ashes through the school corridors is not convenient.

### Census Report

The annual census of children in town between the ages of 5 and 16 was taken as of October 1, 1945, as required by law.

	Boys	Girls	Total
Between ages 5-7	20	24	44
Between 7-16	137	135	272
Total	157	159	316

#### Enrolment by Grades, October 1, 1945

Grades	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total
Boys	15	15	25	13	17	11	13	14	12	9	7	6	157
Girls	14	13	11	19	22	17	22	11	13	10	8	13	173
Totals	29	28	36	32	39	28	35	25	25	19	15	19	330

## Resident

### Enrolment by Schools

	Boys	Girls
Center School	123	129
High School	34	44
Greenfield Voc. School	10	0
Greenfield Even. Voc. School	6	0
At Mt. Hermon	17	0
At Northfield School For Girls	0	16
At Stoneleigh-Prospect	0	1
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Total	190	190

## Financial

The School Department had a small unexpended balance of \$8.89. Increases in transportation costs, teachers' salaries and cost of supplies, which have been effective only four months in 1945 make it necessary to appropriate \$3000 more in 1946 than was necessary for the same school services in 1945.

Teacher salary raises lag somewhat behind those of industry in general. Legislative rules do not control the labor market as we have discovered this past year. The \$1200 minimum set two years ago has been completely inoperative. Beginning teachers' salaries are now usually \$1400-\$1500. Since these rates are higher than those of teachers now in service it seems that a further adjustment along the line is necessary.

Citizens complain that good teachers are allowed to get away. We are unable to prevent it. One of our elementary teachers getting \$1250 left to enter the Greenfield system to begin at \$1700. We could not meet this figure to hold this teacher unless we raised all salaries in the system proportionately.

### The Northfield School Dollar

#### For 1946

Salaries	.6236
Fuel, Water, Light & Power	.0735
Books and Supplies	.0310
Repairs and Improvements	.0416
Transportation	.1885
Vocational Education	.0320
Miscellaneous	.0098
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	\$1.00



## SCHOOL ORGANIZATION

### High School

Name	Subject or Grade	Where Educated
Chester R. Parker	Principal	Bates College, A.B.
	Mathematics	*Boston University
	English	
	Civics	
	Consumer Education	
Evelyn G. Lawley	Assistant Principal	Smith College, A.M.
	Mathematics	*Massachusetts State College
	Pre-Flight	*Boston University
Elizabeth G. Mayberry	Social Studies	Keuka College, B.S.
	Business Law	
Nellie W. Dearstyne	Spanish	American International College, B.A.
	English	Springfield College, M.Ed.
	Economics	
Elizabeth S. Southwick	Household Arts	Massachusetts State, B.S.
	Biology	
Mary M. Smyth	Commercial	Lady of the Elms, A.B.
		Springfield Civil Service
		Commercial School

### Center School

George M. Leonard	Principal	Bridgewater State Teachers' College, B.S.
	Science	
Dorothy O. Totman	Mathematics	*Boston University
	Assistant Principal	Fitchburg Normal
	Grade 4	*University Extension
Ruth W. Bolton	Grade 1	Fitchburg Normal
Elizabeth G. Braley	English, Gr. 6, 7, 8	Northfield Seminary
		*North Adams Normal
		*Castleton Normal
		*Hyannis Normal
		*Fitchburg Normal
Arlene L. French	Grade 2	*University Extension
		Castleton Normal
		Fitchburg Normal
Evelyn H. Parker	Grade 5	Fitchburg Normal
Catherine E. Sheldon	Grade 7	Fitchburg Normal
Esther W. Leonard	Music Supervisor	North Adams Normal
		*Keene Normal
		*Hyannis State Teachers' College

\*Attended without graduating

### SCHOOL CUSTODIANS

Leo Fortier

Edward Fortier, Part-time Assistant



### In Conclusion

The Northfield Public Schools are progressing favorably as far as can be determined by the usual criteria for evaluating a school system. Our main task is that of making citizens who think democratically, who are self-supporting and who have learned to live in a community with other citizens.

Since humans are each and every one different it is not a simple matter to set a standard of what is a good person. Furthermore since schools are composed of, administered and taught by humans the same degrees of difficulty in setting standards exists. Our schools are definitely semi-urban in type and scope and have so evolved in the past five years from a district or rural system. That the present system is much superior by any means of judgement is evidenced by the reports and remarks of parents of children who have had experience with both types.

Our pupils measure up to the standard of communities similar to ours. Few are preparing for college in our high school so that we must base our judgment on what they do and how they act as citizens after leaving our school. We feel that we have prepared them to go forth to a natural fulfillment of life as was the intent of our Creator.

The reports of the High School Principal, Center School Principal, physician and nurse are included for your information. I am grateful to all those citizens, to the members of our staff, and to the School Committee who have had a large part in contributing to the success of our program.

Respectfully Submitted,

ROBERT N. TAYLOR,

Superintendent of Schools.

# SCHOOL DEPARTMENT FINANCIAL REPORT

## Appropriations

For general school expenses	\$40,500.00	
For added transportation	600.00	
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Total Appropriation		\$ 41,100.00

## Expenditures

	Expended	Recom'd 1946
Administration:		
Supt. Robert N. Taylor, Salary	\$ 1,325.00	\$ 1,430.00
and Travel	40.00	40.00
Clerk	315.00	357.00
Medical:		
Physician	150.00	150.00
Nurse	250.00	250.00
Janitor's Salaries	2,306.10	2,435.00
Teachers' Salaries	21,125.50	23,000.00
Transportation	7,381.25	<del>8,364.00</del>
Supplies:		
Student	880.75	575.00
Janitor	658.48	350.00
Domestic Science	92.51	100.00
Textbooks	472.67	350.00
Tuition, Vocational	946.33	1,425.00
Water and Current	857.26	850.00
Fuel	2,343.52	2,420.00
Repairs and Outlay	983.54	1,050.00
New Equipment	224.55	800.00
Sundry Educational Expense	577.65	400.00
Tar, Gravel, etc.	161.00	
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	\$ 41,091.11	\$ 44,346.00
Unexpended Balance	\$ 8.89	
(1945)		

## Net Cost of Schools 1945

Regular Appropriation	\$ 40,500.00	
Special Appropriation for Transportation	591.11	
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Total Expended		\$ 41,091.11
State of Massachusetts Reimbursements		
School Fund, Part I	\$ 2,630.00	
School Fund, Part II	5,570.99	

Transportation:	421.01	
Education and Transportation	1,084.64*	
Salary and travel	676.67	
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	\$ 10,383.31	
Town of Milton, Vermont		
and Harold Gould	\$ 160.00	
Telephone	2.35	
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Total Receipts	\$ 162.35	\$ 10,545.66
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Net Cost of Education 1945		\$ 30,545.45

\*This sum is for 1944 account. In addition the sum of \$421.01 has been claimed for 1945 but the town treasurer did not receive payment by December 31, 1945.

## Financial Report, Center School Lunch Room January-December, 1945

DOROTHY O. TOTMAN, TREASURER

Balance for 1945	\$ 40.15	
Receipts:		
Lunches	\$ 3,023.84	
Government	2,846.22	
Miscellaneous	1.56	
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		\$ 5,911.77
Expenses:		
Groceries	\$ 4,293.30	
Workers	1,433.35	
Equipment	68.32	
Express, Service Charges	14.91	
Reserve Equipment Fund	50.00	
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		\$ 5,859.88
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Balance January 1, 1946		\$ 51.89
Lunches Served	35,869	
Milk Served	33,041	
Lunches Paid by Health Council	184	
Milk Paid by Health Council	187	

REPORT OF THE

## Elementary School Principal

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Mr. Taylor and Members of the School Committee:

I herewith submit a report of the activities of the Northfield Center School for the year 1945.

The past year has seen another decided drop in enrollment in our school. This has probably been due to families moving nearer to the communities in which they worked. Our enrollment has now dropped below 250. Grade five has a high enrollment of forty pupils while grades six and eight have only twenty-six enrolled.

Unexcused absence and tardiness again seem to be a big problem. This seems to run in families. Parents should realize the necessity of having pupils attend school regularly on time. It is an important part of their training and aids them in forming correct habits of promptness and reliability.

During the past year, science books were placed in those grades not already equipped. Thus we have added science to our curriculum. The books added are interesting, instructive, and colorful. The pupils and teachers have readily accepted the new course and are eagerly learning of the many ways in which science enters into our daily lives. They are learning of the many ways in which science enters into our daily lives. They are learning the how, why, and where of all living and non-living things. In this day of scientific knowledge and advancements, science is a **must** in the curriculum of any school teaching the democratic way of life.

In September of this year, home economics was added to the curriculum of the seventh and eighth grade girls. The eighth grade girls have cooking classes at high school once a week under the direction of the Home Economics Teacher. The periods are 75 minutes in length. Some class periods are spent in theory in a study of such subjects as the Basic Seven. Other class periods are spent in the laboratory where the girls gain actual experience in cooking. The seventh grade girls are taking



sewing. The girls are learning some of the fundamentals of sewing, and how to use the treadle and electric sewing machines. The girls have already made aprons for use in these classes and for cooking classes next year. This is the type of education that is being emphasized in the modern curriculum which educates for life and living.

While the girls are having home economics classes, the boys must be cared for. During the good weather of the past fall, I have taken the boys for half the time and carried out a period of formal physical exercises. These periods were spent in gymnastics, fundamentals of football, relay races involving skill in the use of the football, and running relay races. Since winter weather has set in, I have planned a period of visual education for the boys. This will involve the use of the slide film projector and slide films now in use in the system as well as those that can be borrowed through the Extension Service.

I plan to acquaint the boys with such topics as "Community Forests," "History and Development of Farm Machinery," "Clean Milk," "Care of the Feet," etc. There should be some kind of shop work for the boys during these periods.

Our program of visual education is in its second year. The schedule as now carried out is far from being the best, due to a lack of funds and a proper place to show the pictures when and as they should be shown. We have started a program that can be far-reaching in its educational results but under present conditions of space, the most satisfactory results cannot be obtained. The teachers are behind this movement 100% as is evidenced by the fact that they have now raised nearly enough money to purchase a combination opaque projector and glass slide projector. These will make excellent classroom teaching aids.

Despite our lack of the proper space for projecting films, I believe that our program of visual education is one of which we should be proud because we have made a real start and we do realize what can be done with this effective aid to teaching. Under proper conditions, films should be previewed by teachers (the film should be closely related to topics being discussed in a subject-matter field); the class should be instructed as to what they should look for in the picture; the film should be shown to the class; a class discussion should follow; in some



instances, the film should be shown again; and finally, a check-up should be made, either written or oral, on the film projected. By this method the best use will be made of the film.

The opaque projector is a most useful instrument for projecting maps, pictures, specimens, examples, or pages of a book on a screen so that an entire class may see easily and more in detail the object that the teacher is using to illustrate her work. It is easily transported from room to room so that all may use it.

In September, Mrs. George Leonard became music supervisor. Her work with the children of Center School has been outstanding as evidenced by the Christmas operetta presented in the town hall. All grades were represented in this entertainment and all the children gave a very creditable performance. Written and oral comments from parents and friends stated that they were able to distinguish exceptionally well all words spoken and sung by the performers. This is the type of group work that we would like to present to the public more often, but space provisions prevent this.

During the past year, we have tried to build up a library of good phonograph records. A few have been contributed by parents and friends. Others have been bought by school funds. More are desired. With the addition of so many of these records we will also need cabinets and albums to keep the records in. We are fortunate in having the radio-phonograph in our school and with the addition of a record library more use will be made of it in the future.

During the past year, the teachers of Center School conducted several meetings and formulated a new report card form. These report cards were mimeographed to be used for one year. During this time, the teachers plan to look for weaknesses in its form and to receive criticisms from parents. To date, the teachers have found some weaknesses, but the criticisms from parents have been very few, far below expectations. Before another school year begins, changes which are deemed advisable will be made in the form.

During the past year, a file of promotion record cards was compiled. This is a requirement of the State Department of Education but no organized record has ever been kept in Northfield. We now keep a record of each pupil's work as he progresses from year to year. This card is sent along with the pupil whenever he transfers to another town.

Teachers' meetings are conducted regularly on the first Monday of every month. Routine school problems are discussed and ironed out and plans for school programs are arranged.

Our art program seems to be improving. Mrs. Sheldon is teaching art in the three upper grades and Mrs. Parker is teaching it in grades four and five. Both of these teachers are very much interested in this line of work and are getting good results. Courses of study in art were purchased from the State of Vermont. These courses are among the best that we have seen but a course of study is of little use to a teacher who does not have ability in art and consequently has little interest in it. I, therefore strongly urge that a part-time art supervisor be hired to give instruction to all grades—thus unifying the work in the school. This teacher could be hired to do all of the art supervising in the union.

The one outstanding problem in our school is space. Our building was not provided with space accommodations to give pupils a well-rounded education. Each grade has one room. All activities must take place in that one room. These rooms are so small for the number of pupils in them that activities and displays are limited. We have a lunchroom which is used for that purpose and should be used for that purpose only. It is not large enough to conduct school assemblies. Our pupils do not have the opportunity to perform before an audience often enough to give them confidence. They need space provision for dramatics. People who are brought up in a situation where they make appearances before a large group do not feel so ill-at-ease when they are called upon to do so after leaving school.

This lack of space is felt all the more during the long winter months and stormy days when the pupils have no place to go but their own rooms. These rooms do not provide much space for the release of an abundance of energy that has built up during the day. This energy is many times released at the wrong times, and results in disciplinary problems.

Such problems as I have set forth in the previous two paragraphs can not possibly be realized to the proper degree by anyone outside of the teachers who actually come in contact with the situation. The only answer to this problem is a new building housing a combination gymnasium-auditorium with added rooms for other activities. Such a building should be constructed only after careful planning and concern for the needs

of the school system and the community as a whole. Every citizen of the town should feel it his responsibility to see that such a building is constructed, not only for the use of the schools but for the use of the young people of the town. The young people of this town have been sadly neglected. Is it any wonder that they must and do leave town to secure a release for their energies and desires?

Whenever pupils leave our schools to attend institutions of higher learning, they immediately realize that something is lacking in their education. They realize that Northfield has not provided them with a well-rounded program of physical education and consequently, a spirit of cooperation and teamwork that is necessary in the democratic way of life.

In conclusion, I wish to thank Mr. Taylor, the members of the school committee, the teachers, and others who have been so cooperative during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,  
 GEORGE M. LEONARD, Principal.

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## NORTHFIELD CENTER SCHOOL-GENERAL FUND

### Assets

Balance on hand January 1, 1945	\$ 12.77
Contribution from high school fund	30.00
Rental of projector	6.50
Commission from seed sales	42.22
Sale of waste paper	7.10
Unclaimed lost money	1.02
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Total assets	\$ 99.61

### Expenditures

Transportation of films	\$ 41.25
Rental of films	18.39
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	\$ 59.64

(Balance on hand January 1, 1946)

\$ 39.97



REPORT OF THE  
**High School Principal**

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Mr. Robert N. Taylor, Superintendent of Schools  
Northfield, Massachusetts

I herewith submit my second annual report as principal of Northfield High School.

School opened September 5, 1945, with an enrollment of 79 pupils. The enrollment was divided as follows: Seniors 19; Juniors 14; Sophomores 21; Freshmen 25.

The end of the war has released many of our former students from the Armed Forces. Some of them wish to complete the requirements for their high school diploma and take advantage of the G. I. Bill of Rights to continue their education. To help these boys secure their high school diploma, the following plans have been set up:

1. They may enroll as regular high school students.
2. They may attend (tuition fee) regional schools at the state teachers colleges.
3. They may take correspondence courses in the studies they need.

If enough are enrolled from Northfield, a tutor will be provided to help them in these courses. The entire faculty of the high school is anxious to help these veterans in every way possible. If they will bring their educational problems to us, we will do our best to see that they receive the training they want.

Several changes were made in the curriculum at the start of the year. Civics was offered as a Freshman course, World History changed to the Sophomore year, U. S. History changed to the Junior year, and Problems of Democracy changed to the Senior year. A course in Consumer Education has been added to give students a sound knowledge of buying consumer goods and household finance. When the government discontinued sponsoring pre-induction training courses, it was necessary for us to discontinue our automotive mechanics course at Greenfield Vocational School. This disappointed a large number of

students as it was the only vocational course we had to offer the boys. There is a definite need for a shop course for the boys and arrangements should be made to provide it as soon as possible. The Home Economics Department has arranged a double period each week for the 7th and 8th grade girls for instruction in sewing and cooking.

Our physical education program is now very well organized for the spring and fall periods. Last Spring Hinsdale, Winchester, Bernardston and Northfield organized the Border League for the promotion of athletics between the schools. The boys played baseball and the girls softball. Northfield boys placed second in the league and represented Franklin County in the Small School Tournament at Orange. The girls, playing softball for the first time in inter-school competition, showed their appreciation for the opportunity by winning the league championship. This fall the league sponsored touch football for the boys and volleyball for the girls. These four sports give us a program that includes almost every student in the school. The chief weakness now is a lack of winter activities and very little can be done to change this until we have gymnasium facilities. Last winter we did some skiing and skating during the forty minute Activity Period but the time was too short to do very much. Mr. Leonard and I tried taking a group of boys to Mt. Hermon for basketball and swimming but that did not work out too well.

Student activities have increased considerably this year. The Glee Club presented the operetta "Sunbonnet Girl" last Spring. They have taken part in several assemblies and are now planning a musical program to be given in April. The Press Club has reduced the number of issues of the school paper and has increased the contents. The new mimeograph machine was used for the first issue that appeared just before Christmas. The Class of 1946 held a successful Junior Prom last Spring. They presented their Senior Play "Huckleberry Finn" in November. They plan to leave Spring Vacation for a trip to Washington and wish to thank all of the towns people who have helped to make the trip possible. All of the juniors and Seniors took part in the American Legion Oratorical Contest and each of the four classes has sponsored an assembly program.

Donations of books; a book case, and a table led to the organization of a Library Council. This group of students has arranged a corner of the study hall as a school library. The



Athletic Council has selected award letters for each sport and is active in carrying out the physical education program.

The following is a summary of the various school accounts:

	Receipts	Expenditures	Balance
Class of 1946	664.14	157.61	506.53
Class of 1947	109.31		109.31
Class of 1948	29.10	5.52	23.58
Glee Club	208.16	64.14	144.02
Press Club	54.69		54.69
Student Activities	462.10	319.65	142.45
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	\$1,527.50	\$ 546.92	\$ 980.58

In conclusion I wish to thank you, Mr. Taylor, and the members of the School Committee for your help and interest in our work at the high school.

Respectfully submitted,  
CHESTER R. PARKER, Principal.

## REPORT OF THE School Physician

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To the Superintendent of Schools and the School Committee:

Herewith I submit the report of the school physician for the year 1945. The annual examination of the school children was carried out in September and the general health of the pupils was found to be good. The high school boys were given an especially complete and thorough examination this year because of the new and more strenuous athletic program. All boys were stripped completely and examined for hernia as well as having a more thorough heart examination than ordinarily. A summary of the defects found during the examinations follows:

Defective teeth	50
Diseased tonsils	19
Enlarged glands	3
Flat feet	29
Poor posture	13
Poor hearing	16
Over weight	8
Poor nutrition	3
Scoliosis	1
Hernial Tendency	5

Last February the high school pupils were given the opportunity to have free X-rays of the chest to rule out the possibility of pulmonary tuberculosis. Sixty seven (67) pupils and twenty-one (21) adults (teachers) were X-rayed and all were found to be negative, that is, no cases of tuberculosis were found.

This fall a diphtheria clinic was carried out. A fairly large number of school children as well as pre-school children were inoculated.

I wish to thank the school nurse, Miss Gowen, and the teachers for their cooperation and assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

F. WILTON DEAN, M. D.,

School Physician

## REPORT OF THE School Nurse

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To the Superintendent of Schools and the School Committee  
of the Town of Northfield:

I herewith submit my first annual report as nurse of the public schools of Northfield, February 1, 1945, to January 1, 1946.

The first of February, 1945, the pupils of the high school and the faculty received Tuberculosis X-rays and it was very gratifying to receive the reports and find them all to be negative.

Number of Students enrolled in the school	76
Number of Students X-rayed	67
Number of Adults X-rayed	21
Number of Students Classified Negative	67
Number of Adults classified negative	21

This was done under the supervision of the State.

During 1945 pupils of the Center School and High School were given the audiometer test. The results of this test were:

Tested	231
Poor hearing	16

Follow up work has been done and several have already received medical attention.

During 1945 a new system was introduced whereby each child's weight and height is tabulated on the report card. In this way the nurse and the parent are able to work together to the best advantage of the child.

In the Fall each child is given a physical examination by the school doctor, assisted by the school nurse. This Fall 330 pupils were examined 252 Center School pupils and 78 High School pupils.

The most common physical defect is found to be the teeth and I would at this time like to stress the necessity in the schools of Northfield for a dental clinic. If a dentist could come to the school one day each month I feel that this situation could be mastered.

The following is a summary of the work of the school nurse:

Classrooms visited for group inspection	110
Individual inspections	1722
First aid	229
Advice	214
Weighing and Measuring	658
Other inspections	203
Pupils readmitted	7
Pupils excluded	20
Diphtheria Clinic	34
Physical exams	330
Transportation to Doctor and Dentist	27
Consultations with teachers	108
Health talks	77
Field visits	
Health Supervision	54
Other	13

During 1945 I have spent much time in the individual classrooms of the Center School teaching personal hygiene. Each of the teachers have been most cooperative and we feel that some progress has been made.

I want to thank Mr. Robert N. Taylor, Superintendent of Schools, and Dr. Wilton Dean, School Physician, for the willing assistance they have given me.

I would like everyone to know how I have enjoyed my work here in the schools. During the past eight years most of my work has been with children who were hospitalized and I have welcomed this chance to work with healthy children. I would appreciate the parents coming to me either at my office or at my home to discuss their children or to get better acquainted. May I say in closing how happy I have been in Northfield.

Respectfully submitted,

NATALIE J. GOWEN



# REPORT OF THE Town Clerk 1945

## VITAL STATISTICS

It is extremely important that the Vital Statistics record be complete and correct. If any errors or omissions are discovered the Clerk will deem it a favor to have them reported at once so that corrections may be made.

As required by Chapter 46, Section 15, General Laws of Massachusetts:

Notice is hereby given that the Town Clerk will furnish blanks for returns of births to parents, householders, physicians, and registered hospital officers applying for the same.

### Births in 1945

Date	Name	Parents
Jan. 4	Miner, Carol Ann	Cecil A. and Anna M.
Feb. 8	Young, Alfred William	William J. and Grace F.
Mar. 1	Carpenter, James	Miner H. and Gladys S.
	4 Fellows, Sharon Lee	Winfred R. and Ruth B.
	23 Andrews, David	Benjamin R., Jr., and Rose M.
	31 Garello, Andrew Neal	Francis A. and Jane N.
Apr. 3	Pearsall, David Alexander	Frank W. and Agnes M.
	26 Black, Clemma June	Herbert J. and Sacca E.
	30 Connick, Joy	C. Milo and Genevieve S.
May 8	Abbey, Paul Francis	Louis M. and Flora C.
	16 Streeter, Alton Ralph	Ralph F. and Charlotte R.
	18 Kulis, Kathleen Elizabeth	Joseph E. and Victoria E.
	24 Lombard, Carol Eileen	George R. and Margaret R.
June 2	Parsons, Judith Eileen	Harold K. and Esther M.
	16 Willey, Sylvia Jean	Brainard A. and Irene M.
Aug. 8	Kimball, Ronald Norman	Norman D. and Hazel C.
	8 Parker, Chester Randolph, Jr.	Chester R. and Eleanor F.
	9 Hammond, Gretchen Elizabeth	David B. and Dorothy M.
	15 Williams, James Ezra	Ezra N. and Ellen O.
Dec. 21	Walker, James Howard	William C. and Florence H.

### Marriages in 1945

Date	Names	Residence	Place of Marriage
Feb. 3	Sefert, George Edward	Northfield, Mass	Greenfield, Mass.
	Zabko, Florence Sophie	Greenfield, Mass.	
	4 Walker, Ronald Arthur	Buckland, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
	Munson, Marilyn Alma	Northfield, Mass.	

(Doolittle)



	7	Quinn, Bernard Robert	Brattleboro, Vt.	Brattleboro, Vt.
		Clark, Idelle	Northfield, Mass.	
	26	Sangree, Carl Michael	Cummington, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
		Lyon, Florence Dorothy	Northfield, Mass.	
Mar.	3	Hodgdon, Alton Moses	Mooretown, Vt.	Northfield, Mass.
		Carey, Marion Alberta	South Newfane, Vt.	
	20	Kenney, Ernest Andrew, Jr.	Northfield, Mass.	Greenfield, Mass.
		Hoyt, Frances Evelyn	Bernardston, Mass.	
	31	White, Leonard Gray	Townshend, Vt.	Northfield, Mass.
		Strange, Mary Elizabeth	Northfield, Mass.	
Apr.	14	Pratt, Clarence Hardo	Montague, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
		Baldwin, Bessie Katherine	Leverett, Mass.	
	20	Ford, John Charles	Hartford, Conn.	Northfield, Mass.
		Bateman, Mary Martha	Winchendon, Mass.	
	24	Holton, Joseph Weston	Northfield, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
		Tyler, Karlene Shirley	Northfield, Mass.	
May	1	Greene, Winfred Leland	Riverside, Gill, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
		Urgielewicz, Helen	Northfield, Mass.	
	18	Farrar, Albert W.	Winchendon, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
		Boutelle, Shirley M.	Winchendon, Mass.	
June	9	Beeman, Jack Brooks	Winchester, N. H.	Northfield, Mass.
		Fisher, Edith Ione	Northfield, Mass.	
	30	Huber, Donald Gay	Northfield, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
		Macheski, Rose Barbara	Winchester, N. H.	
July	16	Strange, William Leslie	Northfield, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
		Fellows, Clarice Ruth	Brattleboro, Vt.	
	28	Gibson, Paul Everett	Northfield, Mass.	Montague (Turners
		Momaney, Rita Florence	Turners Falls, Mass.	Falls, Mass.
Aug.	25	Holloway, Darwin Wilmer	Northfield, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
		Fitts, Bernice May	W. Dummerston, Vt.	
	25	Slaght, Warren Seymour	Northfield, Mass.	Winchester, N. H.
		Hurd, Joyce Naureen	Athol, Mass.	
Sept.	8	Lyman, Dwight Edward	Greenfield, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
		Lanphear, Shirley Iva	Northfield, Mass.	
	25	Tie, Edward Patterson	Northfield, Mass.	Great Barrington,
		Brochu, Lillian Melissa	Great Barrington, Mass.	Mass.
Oct.	1	Grant, Edward Sidney	Northfield, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
		Pratt, Betty Mae	Northfield, Mass.	
	21	Davis, Louis Frederick	Northfield, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
		Connors, Elsie Louise	Northfield, Mass.	
		(Strange)		
Nov.	4	Curtis, Merle Harrison	Keene, N. H.	Northfield, Mass.
		Stoodley, Barbara Effie	Swanzy, N. H.	
Dec.	15	Hammond, Wesley Austin	Athol, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
		Dodge, Viola Jennie	Wendell, Mass.	
		(Lackey)		
	26	Plotczyk, Francis Joseph	Northfield, Mass.	Southbridge, Mass.
		Templeman, Cecelia Flora	Southbridge, Mass.	

## Deaths in 1945

	Date	Name	Age		
			Yrs.	Mo.	Days
Jan.	11	Matosky, Tony	73	—	—
	12	Davenport, Evia Stone	69	—	—
	18	Heald, Della Howard	90	7	18
	19	VanVoast, Phoebe May (Bogart)	65	1	20
	22	Bigelow, Carlton E.	44	7	2
	24	Lahey, James Wesley	87	7	14
Feb.	8	Billings, Malcolm Roger	37	9	23
Mar.	28	Langua, Joseph Arthur	51	4	28
	28	Edson, Sanford James	62	9	6
Apr.	29	Connors, Thomas J.	65	2	19
	30	Dale, Bridget Catherine	70	—	28
May	4	Abbott, Burt Chapin	73	11	8
	24	Crandall, Susan (Bly)	87	6	26
June	12	Stone, Fred Emerson	52	6	—
	25	Cullen, Edna F.	58	8	10
July	1	Chudzik, John	67	—	1
	2	McMillan, George	82	11	16
	11	Ross, John S.	84	—	—
	24	Holton, Stella Minerva (Strange)	73	3	5
	24	Breckenridge, Harlan Augustus	82	4	—
Aug.	4	Holloway, James	56	5	23
	11	Jurowski, Mary (Pawlowicz)	50	—	—
	12	Gibson, George Leslie	3	6	2
	12	Savcheff, Helen Lillian	22	—	24
	18	Sanborn, Annis (Boynton)	93	1	4
	25	Gordon, Josephine (Stoffie)	78	5	20
Sept.	2	Sherman, Cyrus Tyler	84	7	24
	14	Montague, Frank Henry	72	11	14
Oct.	3	Watson, Richard Lyness	77	8	3
	8	Cutler, Henry Franklin	83	4	11
Nov.	1	Howard, Catherine Josephine (Brown)	89	9	18
	6	Pennock, Emma Ruth	87	—	—
	10	Moody, Ambert G.	82	—	—
Dec.	7	Wood, Hattie Estelle (Harvey)	80	1	10
	29	Gaines, Ernest A.	72	8	1
	10	Pearson, Alexander H	80	6	23

## Dog Licenses Issued in 1945

Male Dogs	147
Female (Spayed)	63
Female	18
Special Kennel	5
Military	12
Transfers	4
Total Licenses Issued	249

## Sporting Licenses Issued in 1945

Resident Fishing	77
Resident Hunting	100
Resident Trapping	3
Resident Combination	99
Resident Combination (Free)	20
Resident Women's and Minor's Fishing	50
Special Fishing	10
Non-Resident Hunting	4
Non-Resident Fishing	12
Non-Resident Fishing (Minor)	1
Duplicates	2
Non-Resident Military or Naval Service Sporting	2
Resident Military or Naval Service Sporting (Free)	27
Resident Old Age Assistance Fishing (Free)	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>410</b>

JOSEPHINE S HASKELL, Town Clerk.

### Copy of the Votes Taken on the Articles in the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting, Monday, February 5, 1945

Article 1. Voted to accept all reports as printed in the town report, and the report of the Historical Society as read.

Article 2. Voted and chose by ballot all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year with the following results:

Town Clerk, 1 year	Josephine S. Haskell	97
Town Treasurer, 1 year	Charles F. Slate	98
Selectmen, 1 year	George W. Carr,	94
	Fred A. Holton	96
	Ross L. Spencer	89
	Sidney Given	1
Assessor, 3 years	Ernest A. Parker	99
Moderator, 1 year	William F. Hoehn	96
School Committee Member, 3 years	Lillian G. Wells	95
Cemetery Commissioner, 3 years	Joseph J. Bartus	96
Library Trustees, 3 years	C. Ina Merriman	97
	Robert Bonner Jack	97
Library Trustee, 1 year	Horace H. Morse	99
	(to fill vacancy)	
Tree Warden, 1 year	Dean W. Williams	98
Tax Collector, 1 year	Charles F. Slate	99
Constables at large, 1 year	Harry M. Haskell	95
	Joseph G. Morgan	98
	Martin E. Vorce	94
Constable, resident Northfield Farms, 1 year	Murray M. Hammond	96

Article 3. Voted: To authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the Revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1945, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew such note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws; any debt or debts incurred under this vote to be paid from the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1945.

Article 4. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$50.00 for the use of the Library at Northfield Farms.

Article 5. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$150.00 to be used by the Tree Warden in the care and preservation of shade trees.

Article 6. Voted:: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$2971.56 for lighting the streets.

Article 7. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 for tools for highway work.

Article 8. Voted: To raise and appropriate the following amounts to defray town charges for the ensuing year:

Schools:	\$40,500.00
Treasurer's Salary	600.00
Treasurer's Expense Account	100.00
Bridges	500.00
Soldiers' Relief	1,200.00
Alexander Hall	150.00
Inspection of Animals	100.00
Selectmen's salary	600.00
Selectmen's Expense Account	100.00
Road Machinery Fund (Transferred from Road Machinery Act.)	1,800.00
Old Age Assistance	19,000.00
Public Welfare Clerk	150.00
School Committee's Salary	150.00
Inspection Meat and Slaughtering	200.00
Public Health	350.00
Moderator and Counsel	250.00
Town Reports	300.00
Bonds and Damages	400.00
Fire Department	1,700.00
Maintenance of Water Holes	125.00
Department of Public Welfare	5,000.00
Aid to Dependent Children	3,500.00
Town Clerk's Salary	300.00
Town Clerk's Expense Account	40.00
Elections and Registrations	550.00
Fire and Casualty Insurance	1,200.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures	150.00
Accountant's Salary	600.00
Accountant's Expense Account	35.00
Assessors' Salary	600.00
Assessors' Expense Account	75.00



Town Hall Care	1,600.00
Interest Account	500.00
Town Clock and Fountain	120.00
Snow Removal	4,000.00

Article 9. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$400.00 for Tax Collector's Salary and \$100.00 for Tax Collector's Expense Account.

Article 10. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 which shall include the dog tax refund, for the maintenance of Dickinson Memorial Library.

Article 11. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$825.00 to be used in the extermination of the Gypsy Moth.

Article 12. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sums of \$1,910.00 for salary and \$50.00 expense account, to defray the expense of a Community Nurse.

Article 13. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 to be used in putting up railing.

Article 14. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,500.00 to pay the note due on the new Grade School building debt.

Article 15. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$800.00 for the care and preservation of cemeteries.

Article 16. Voted: That the sum of \$4,063.00 be raised and appropriated to meet the town's share of the cost of Chapter 81 Highways, and that in addition the sum of \$8,126.00 be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the treasury to meet the State's share of the cost of the work, the reimbursements from the State to be restored upon their receipt to unappropriated available funds in the Treasury.

Article 17. Voted: To empower the Selectmen to defend the town in any suit brought against the town.

Article 18. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 to co-operate with the State and County in maintaining our Chapter 90 roads.

Article 19. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$125.00 to be expended by the American Legion for Memorial Day Exercises.

Article 20. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$175.00 to be used for the care of the Athletic Field, under the supervision of the Selectmen and that the Selectmen appoint a Park Commissioner to have charge of the athletic fields and playgrounds of the town.

Article 21. Voted: To grade and improve the land around the Town Hall and build a parking lot in the rear of the town hall on land owned by the town, under the direction of the Selectmen and Highway Department and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for that purpose.

Article 22. Voted: To authorize the Selectmen to appoint one of their members to serve as clerk for the Aid to Dependent Children and Old Age Assistance, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 for salary for same in accordance with Sec. 4a Chapter 41, General Laws.

Article 23. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 for Constables' pay.



Article 24. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to replace the worthless real estate mortgage deed as a \$1,000.00 investment of the Belcher Center Cemetery Fund.

Article 25. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$400.00 for Hydrant Service for 15 Hydrants to be paid to the Northfield Water Company for water supplying the hydrants for fire protection.

Article 26. Voted: To transfer from the Overlay Reserve the sum of \$1,900.00 for a reserve fund for the coming year.

Article 27. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$400.00 to take care of the drainage of water on Warwick Ave., between St. Mary's Street and Birnam Road.

Article 28. Voted: To accept from the American Youth Hostels, Inc., the sum of \$150.00, the same to be added by the Assessors to estimated receipts and available funds when setting the tax rate.

Article 29. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$50.00 to meet foreclosure costs on tax titles.

Article 30. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 to start the drainage of the road between the railroad track and Ernest Whitney's.

Article 31. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 for defense purposes in connection with the Massachusetts Committee on Public Safety, and the Soldiers' Honor Roll.

Article 32. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for Ration Board Maintenance.

Article 33. Voted: To transfer the sum of \$18,000.00 from Surplus Revenue Account to reduce the tax rate.

After the reading of the warrant by the Clerk, Rev. Helen D. Bassett gave the invocation.

Recess was declared at 12 o'clock noon for dinner. The meeting reconvened at 1 o'clock P. M.

Attest:

JOSEPHINE S. HASKELL, Town Clerk.

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### Copy of the Votes Taken on the Articles in the Warrant for the Special Town Meeting, November 13, 1945

Article 1. Voted: To appropriate from Surplus Revenue, the sum of \$120.00 to purchase a typewriter for the use of the Assessors.

Article 2. Voted: To appropriate from Surplus Revenue, the sum of \$1,200.00 to be added to the Old Age Assistance account.

Article 3. Voted: To appropriate from Surplus Revenue, the sum of \$1,500.00 to be added to the Snow Removal account.

Article 4. Voted: To transfer the sum of \$1,500 from Machinery Account to purchase a new truck for town work.

Article 5. Voted: To accept the provisions of Chapter 723, Acts of 1945, being an act to authorize the establishment and maintenance of municipal departments and of districts for furnishing information, advice and assistance to veterans of World War II, or other veterans.

Article 6. Voted: To become a member of a district for the purposes provided by Chapter 723, Acts of 1945, said district to include the following towns: Northfield, Montague, Gill, Erving, Sunderland, Bernardston, Leverett.

Article 7. Voted: To appropriate from Surplus Revenue the sum of \$450.00 for Northfield's share of the expense of maintenance of the work in connection with Chapter 723, Acts of 1945.

Article 8. Voted: That a Planning Board be and hereby is established under the provision of General Laws, Chapter 41, Section 81A, to consist of five members to be elected by ballot at the Annual Town Meeting in February, 1946, and thereafter in accordance with the provision of the Statute.

Article 9. Voted: To authorize the Selectmen to appoint a Zoning Committee of five members to study the advantages and disadvantages to the Town of a comprehensive zoning by-law, and to report upon the same at the next annual town meeting, or at any intervening special town meeting.

Attest:

JOSEPHINE S. HASKELL, Town Clerk

Zoning Committee appointed:

Joseph W. Field, Chairman  
Frank W. Williams  
George McEwan  
Ernest A. Parker  
William E. Park.

REPORT OF  
WAR PRICE AND RATIONING BOARD

The Northfield War Price and Rationing Board which has served this community for three years, nine and a half months ended its existence and work on September 27, 1945. The total number of individuals who served on the board was nineteen, of which two members served through the entire period. Grateful appreciation is due to all who gave of their time and service.

Respectfully  
CHARLES L. JOHNSON, Chairman.

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REPORT OF  
FIRE CHIEF AND FOREST FIRE WARDEN

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The Fire Department of Northfield during the year 1945 has a record of 44 calls to which they responded. Of these four calls were for buildings, twenty-six for chimney fires, eleven for grass and brush, two for trucks and one for an emergency.

Respectfully,  
CHARLES L. JOHNSON,  
Fire Chief and Forest Fire Warden.

REPORT OF THE  
**Public Health Nurse**

**January 1, 1945 to January 1, 1946**

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Miss Euphrasia Purrington was Public Health Nurse from January 1, 1945, to February 1, 1945. During this time, Miss Purrington carried on the usual town work. The project of the month was Public Health Nursing Day, which was observed by an open house in the nurse's room at the Town Hall. Miss Gowan who was to succeed Miss Purrington, was introduced. Miss Purrington also arranged an appropriate display of Public Health Nursing in the window of Morgan's store, which proved of great interest to the townspeople. Fees collected from January 1, 1945, to February 1, 1945, \$37.50.

**February 1, 1945 to January 1, 1946**

This year the Fortnightly, as in past years contributed ten dollars for the purchase of Cod Liver Oil capsules to be distributed to worthy children.

In June the Well Child Clinic was held in the nurse's room at the Center School, with Dr. Alexander Nadas of Greenfield attending physician and Mrs Horst, State Nutritionist. There were 33 children examined and the necessary follow up work was done.

This fall the Diphtheria Clinic was held at Alexander Hall where Dr. Dean, school physician, immunized 34 children.

The Northfield Health Council has been very active and at this time I would like to publicly thank them and in a special way their Chairman, Mrs. George Carr, for the help and support that she and her committee have given me. This year they have been instrumental in having a cabinet built along the east wall of the nurse's room, in painting some of the furniture, making drapes and covers and in generally making the room more presentable. Members of the committee helped at the Well Child Conference, the Diphtheria Clinic, Testing of the Eyes and have always been ready to assist at any request of the nurse.

At the request of Miss McDonald of the Faculty of The Northfield School for Girls, I spoke at an afternoon session at



the school, on community service, as the girls wished to do something in the line of community service in the town. At Thanksgiving baskets were packed and distributed to deserving families. At Christmas some of the girls adopted for an evening, children from some of the larger families of the town and helped to make their Christmas brighter, with dinner and gifts. Other girls distributed gifts to the homes of deserving children.

During this past year I have transported 78 cases to Dentists, Doctors, Oculists, Hospitals, Sanatorium and clinics. Due to gas and tire rationing, it seemed advisable, however, I do hope in the coming year this will not be as necessary.

The following is a complete summary from February 1, 1945, to January 1, 1946: Visits—chronic cases 753, acute cases 183, communicable diseases 2, maternity antepartum 12, delivery 1, postpartum 6. Health Supervision: Infants 48, pre-school 24, school 94, adults 29. Tuberculosis contacts 9, social service 21. Meetings attended 10, talks given 2, transportation 78. Fees collected from February 1, 1945, to January 1, 1946, \$331.25.

I wish to thank the Selectmen and the people of Northfield for the cooperation they have given me in the past eleven months. It has been a privilege to try to serve them.

Respectfully submitted,

NATALIE JOY GOWEN



## REPORT OF THE

# Trustees of Dickinson Memorial Library

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Your Trustees have held monthly meetings, without omission, throughout the year and have met three other times. We have been scrupulously careful in the expenditure of available funds for the purchase of books, the administration of the Library, and the care of the building.

The policy of a full time Librarian, recently adopted, has proved eminently successful.

Miss Lucy M. Eleventh, our present librarian, is a graduate of the Library School of Simmons College, Boston, and had many years of practical work as a public librarian before coming to us. Her training and experience have been especially valuable at the present time, because we are undertaking to set up a thoroughgoing catalogue of all the books in the Library. Good progress has been made during the year past, but it is a long and tedious task, and in order that Miss Eleventh may have more time for cataloguing, Mrs. Florence Phelps, already known to our patrons for her friendly and helpful service, has been engaged for part time work.

When the catalogue is finished the Library will be in a strong position.

In order to get some idea of our cataloguing problem, the Trustees met at the Library on July ninth to count our books. We were all astonished to find we have a total of 10,742 books which is at least two thousand more than the highest estimate. Our new catalogue is expected to make this rich material readily accessible to everyone.

The location of the Public Schools of the town of Northfield means that the large number of students are at the very doors of our Library. This great opportunity is continually kept in mind. In the purchase of books the boys and girls are not forgotten. The books in the young people's room have all been rearranged and made more accessible.

During the year we have been given books or magazines by the people listed below:

Miss Mercy Brann  
Miss Edna F. Cullen  
Miss Lucy M. Eveleth  
Mrs. Ann Hachita  
Mr. Walter E. Hallam  
Mrs. Mary A. Holton  
Dr. Robert B. Jack  
Miss Ina Merriman  
Mrs. Maude Montague

Miss Alice B. Munde  
Mrs. Charles Long  
Mrs. Mary Parker  
Mrs. Emma M. F. Powell  
Estate of Miss Emma R. Penno  
Miss Alice Priest  
The Boy Scouts  
Mrs. Charles Webster  
Mrs. Allen Wright —and others.

Books were received from the Newton Free Library through Mr. Fred C. Alexander. Miss Julia Austin and her mother gave a book in memory of Miss Helen Savchef, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Abbott a book in memory of their daughter, Carol Ann, on her birthday. Mr. Charles Stearns has helped in completing files of Town Reports and Valuations—complete from 1872 to the present. We wish to thank all donors.

We commend Mr. Frank Britton for his efficient service as janitor.

We have arranged to have the Stars and Stripes displayed each day the Library is open.

We are more and more convinced that there are greater possibilities of service for our Library if we but had the funds with which to develop them.

We urge the establishment of Library Memorial Endowment Funds.

There are many friends of Northfield all over the world; some remember our Town as the place of their birth and the scene of their youth; a great multitude of people think of Northfield as a source of treasured blessings. We would remind all such that a much larger endowment of our Library would

open wide great doors of opportunity. Think it over! Act now!

Respectfully submitted:

C. Ina Merriman, Chairman

Mary G. Parker

Mercy A. Brann

Joseph W. Field

Horace H. Morse

Robert Bonner Jack

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### LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

During the year we have borrowed 1,687 books from the State Bookmobile. In addition to these books we have borrowed from other libraries in order to meet special requests. One of these books could not be found in a public library, but we did succeed in borrowing it from the Library of Congress.

The total circulation of books was 14,258: Adult 8,391; juvenile 5,353; books from the State Bookmobile, 514. The number of magazines which circulated was 997.

As the cataloging must be done in time not needed for routine work, the progress is slow but the work of the last twelve months has given us a larger and more useful catalog.

Respectfully,

LUCY M. EVELETH, Librarian.

REPORT OF THE  
**Board of Assessors**  
For the Year Ending December 31, 1945

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Value of Real Estate		\$1,675,763.00
Value of Personal Estate		225,105.00
Rate per \$1,000	\$ 35.00	
Polls Assessed	661	
Motor Excise Commitment		2,398.48
Number of horses assessed	68	
Number of cattle assessed	1,185	
Number of swine assessed	24	
Number of goats assessed	19	
Number of fowl assessed	4,785	
Number of sheep assessed	16	

### Appropriations

Appropriations from available funds, Nov. 7, 1944:

Old Age Assistance account from excess and deficiency	\$ 1,500.00
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Appropriations from available funds, Feb. 5, 1945

Road machinery fund from machinery account	1,800.00
Repair & improvement roads and highways from available funds	8,126.00
Reserve fund from overlay surplus	1,900.00

Appropriations to be raised by taxation

February 5, 1945:

Northfield Farms Library	50.00
Tree Warden	150.00
Street lighting	2,971.56
Tools for highway work	100.00
Schools	40,500.00
Treasurer's salary	600.00
Treasurer's expense account	100.00
Bridges	500.00
Soldiers' relief	1,200.00
Alexander Hall	150.00
Inspector of animals	100.00
Selectmen's salary	600.00
Selectmen's expense account	100.00
Old age assistance	19,000.00
Public welfare clerk	150.00
School committee salary	150.00



Inspector of meat & slaughtering	200.00
Public health	350.00
Moderator & Counsel	250.00
Town reports	300.00
Bonds & damages	400.00
Fire department	1,700.00
Maintenance of water holes	125.00
Department Public Welfare	5,000.00
Aid to dependent children	3,500.00
Town Clerk's salary	300.00
Town Clerk's expense account	40.00
Elections	550.00
Fire & Casualty insurance	1,200.00
Sealer of weights & measures	150.00
Accountant's salary	600.00
Accountant's expense account	35.00
Assessor's salaries	600.00
Assessor's expense account	75.00
Town Hall care	1,600.00
Interest account	500.00
Town Clock & fountain	120.00
Snow removal	4,000.00
Tax Collector's salary	400.00
Tax Collector's expense account	100.00
Dickinson Memorial Library	2,500.00
Gypsy moth	825.00
Community nurse	1,910.00
Community Nurse's expense account	50.00
Railings	300.00
Grade school building debt	4,500.00
Cemeteries	800.00
Repair & improvement roads & highways	4,063.00
Chapter 90 road maintenance	500.00
Memorial Day	125.00
Athletic field care	175.00
Parking lot and grading	500.00
Clerk's salary for Aid to Dependent Children and Old Age Assistance	300.00
Constables' pay	200.00
Replace Belcher Cemetery fund mortgage	1,000.00
Hydrant service	400.00
Warwick Avenue drainage	400.00
Foreclosure costs	50.00
Farms Road drainage	500.00
Defense Purposes and Honor Roll care	100.00
Ration Board maintenance	500.00
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Total Appropriations	\$ 121,540.56



State audit of municipal accounts	272.48
County tax	4,731.86
Tuberculosis hospital assessment	164.91
Overlay	2,355.62

Gross amount to be raised	<u>\$ 131,251.95</u>
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### Estimated Receipts and Available Funds

Income tax	\$ 7,591.43
Corporation taxes	3,088.74
Reimbursement—state owned land	185.33
Gasoline tax	5,065.40
Motor vehicle and trailer excise	2,000.00
Licenses	50.00
General government	400.00
Health and sanitation	200.00
Charities	7,500.00
Old age tax (meals)	541.09
Schools	5,000.00
Interest on taxes	300.00
American Youth Hostel's gift	150.00
Tax rate reduction from surplus revenue	18,000.00
Transfers	13,326.00

Total estimated receipts and available funds	<u>\$ 63,397.99</u>
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Net amount to be raised by taxation	67,853.96
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Poll tax	\$ 1,322.00
Personal property tax	7,878.675
Real estate tax	58,651.705
Fractional gain on tax rate	1.58

Total taxes levied on polls and property	<u>\$ 67,853.96</u>
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Respectfully submitted,  
 FRED S. MERRIFIELD  
 CLIFFORD A. FIELD  
 ERNEST A. PARKER

Assessors

# REPORT OF THE Welfare Department

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Number of General Relief Cases	13
Number of Soldiers Relief Cases	3
Number of Aid to Dependent Children	5

## Old Age Assistance

Number of Recipients January 1, 1945	52
Cases received during the year	13
Cases closed during the year	9
Number of Recipients December 31, 1945	56

## General Relief

Appropriation	\$ 5,000.00
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## Payments

Cash Payments	\$ 1,303.16
Mrs. D. C. Donahue	286.91
F. M. Dunnell	151.70
A. & P. Tea Co.	109.26
Dr. L. H. Mendelson	138.00
Dr. F. W. Dean	71.25
F. A. Irish	371.06
Avery's Store	26.77
Otis Fisher	60.00
Northfield Pharmacy	61.75
Morgan's Store	278.50
Tenney Farms, Inc.	58.96
Eisner Surgical Appliance	12.50
Joseph A. Schaff	24.00
Drs. Hazen & Little	19.00
T. J. Russell	69.74
H. E. Hamilton	25.95
John Wilson & Co.	8.25
J. C. Penney Co.	21.64
Houghton & Simonds	23.41
Dr. M. C. Dannehy	20.00
George O. Dunnell	34.03
Dr. J. C. Bolton	70.00
Furcolo & Valkenburg	8.00
Greenfield Dairy	22.30

Dr. R. G. Holton	9.00
Dr. Lewis Taylor	5.00
Mary A. Ramsdell	3.00
City of Boston	187.50
City of Holyoke	585.71

Unexpended balance	4,066.17
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\$ 5,000.00

### Soldiers Relief

Appropriation	1,200.00
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### Payments

Myrtle Burrington	590.70
Dr. J. A. Whiting	10.00
A. E. Lerche	16.74
Farren Hospital	51.15
Dr. W. J. Pelletier	125.00
Dr. E. E. Baldwin	4.00
E. L. Hildreth	8.50
Sidney Given	7.96
New England Tel. & Tell. Co.	.31
Northfield Pharmacy	2.25
Elizabeth Myres & Sullivan	2.00
A. & P. Tea Co.	25.00

843.61

Unexpended balance	356.39
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\$ 1,200.00

### Aid to Dependent Children

Appropriation	\$ 3,500.00
U. S. Grant	815.41

\$ 4,315.41

### Payments

Cash	2,950.11
Unexpended balance	1,365.30

4,315.41

### Old Age Assistance

Appropriation	19,000.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund	1,200.00
U. S. Grant	12,645.57

32,845.57

## Payments

Cash	32,385.77	
City of Boston	78.33	
City of Springfield	104.00	
Town of Bernardston	41.27	
Town of Montague	86.30	
Town of Greenfield	24.00	
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	32,719.67	
,Unexpended balance	125.90	
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		\$ 32,845.57

GEORGE W. CARR,

Chairman. Board Public Welfare

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## Jury List — 1945

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Albert J. Anderson

Luman A. Barber

Glenn C. Billings

Clifford L. Bolton

John K. Brown

Gordon C. Buffum

Ernest A. Clark

William H. Dalton

Leon H. Dunnell

Hermon B. Fisher

Ralph V. Gibson

Harry L. Gingras

Roger M. Greenwood

Laurence M. Hammond

Leonard N. Lanphaer

Charles Lawrence

Earl Lilly

Paul M. Mayberry

George McEwan

Gordon A. Moody

Edward M. Powell

Francis B. Reed

Verne C. Ware

Dean W. Williams

## REPORT OF CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

The various cemeteries have had the usual care during the past year. The front fence at Mount Hermon Cemetery has been painted, but the other fences should be repaired to keep cattle out. Not able to obtain labor, the work at West Northfield Cemetery was not completed and a new front fence should be built.

Appropriation	\$ 800.00	
Interest fund	268.82	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,068.82
Ok'd bills for the care of cemeteries		\$ 1,067.64
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Balance		\$ 1.18
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		\$ 1,068.82

### Mt. Hermon Fence Repairs

Balance from 1944		\$ 66.30
Paid for painting on front fence	\$ 15.00	
Balance	51.30	
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	\$ 66.30	
Received for care of the Spofford lot Center Cemetery		\$ 4.06
Paid for Labor	\$ 4.06	<hr/>

### Cash Received for Sale of Lots and Care

Name	Lot No.	Cemetery	Page	Price
Earl R. and Earl C. Kemp	111	West Northfield	367	25.00
Alexander H. Pearson	214	West Northfield	368	25.00
Alice Vines Watson	58	Mt. Hermon	369	25.00
Maude E. and Amy L. Hamilton	209	West Northfield	370	15.00
Mable L. Bonney	243	West Northfield	371	15.00
Spurgeon Gage	6	Mt. Hermon	372	25.00
Viola Billings	36	Northfield Farms	373	25.00
Andrew Savocheff	A-36	Center	374	25.00
Hortense H. Zimmerman	A-33-A34	Center	375	40.00
Mrs. Anna Bell McMillan	12½	Mt. Hermon	376	15.00
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				\$235.00
Paid to the Town of Northfield				235.00

GEORGE N. KIDDER  
CARLTON W. HOLTON  
JOSEPH J. BARTUS

Cemetery Commissioners.



REPORT OF THE  
**Finance Committee**

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The Finance Committee organized for the year 1945 with Dr. Richard G. Holton, Chairman, and Mrs. Helen E. McNeil, Clerk.

Five meetings of the Committee have been held during the year at which \$1,594.11 was transferred from the Reserve Fund to various town departments.

The Town Warrant for 1946 has been carefully studied and our recommendations printed elsewhere in the Town Report.

Respectfully,

RICHARD G. HOLTON  
HELEN E. McNEIL  
JAMES DRESSER  
L. PERCY GOODSPEED  
GEORGE McEWAN  
DOROTHY C. MILLER

# Town Warrant

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## COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

FRANKLIN, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Northfield in the County of Franklin. Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Town, on February 4th, 1946 at ten o'clock in the morning, then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To hear the reports of the several Town Officers and act thereon.

Article 2. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the coming year, the following to be on one ballot: Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, three Selectmen for one year; one Assessor for three years, Town Moderator for one year, two Library Trustees for three years, one School Committee Member for three years, one Cemetery Commissioner for three eyars, Tree Warden for one year, Tax Collector for one year, three Constables for one year, one Constable for one year, a resident of Northfield Farms, and five members of the Planning Board, one for one year, one for two years, one for three years, one for four years and one for five years. The polls may close at FIVE O'CLOCK P. M.

Article 3. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1946, and to issue a note or notes therefore, payable within one year, and to renew such note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws: any debt or debts incurred under this vote to be paid from the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1946.

Article 4. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of \$50.00 for the use of the Library at Northfield Farms, or act thereon.

**The Finance Committee recommend \$50.**

Article 5. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used by the Tree Warden in the care and preservation of shade trees or act thereon.

**The Finance Committee recommend \$150.**

Article 6. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for lighting the streets, or act thereon.

**The Finance Committee recommend \$2,971.56**

Article 7. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for tools for highway work, or act thereon.

**The Finance Committee recommend \$100.**

Article 8. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as shall be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, or act thereon.

**The Finance Committee recommend the following:**

Schools	\$44,346	Fire Department	1,700
Treasurer	\$600	Maintenance Water Holes	125
Treasurer's Expense %	140	Dept. Public Welfare	5,000
Bridges	1,000 500	Aid to Dependent	3,200
Soldier's Relief	2,500	Children	2,500
Alexander Hall	175 150	Town Clerk	400 300
Inspection of Animals	150 100	Town Clerk's Expense %	40
Selectmen's salary	900 600	Election	500 700
Selectmen's Expense %	100	Fire and Casualty Ins.	1,200
Road Machinery Fund	1,800	Sealer of Weights and	
(Transfer from Machinery Acct.)	2,000	Measures	125
Old Age Assistance	21,000	Sealer's Expense Account	25
Public Welfare Clerk	150	Accountant's Salary	700 600
School Committee Salary	150	Accountant's Expense %	40
Inspection of Meat and		Assessors	1,250
Slaughtering	200	Assessor's Expense %	100 76
Public Health	400	Town Hall Care	2,000 3000
Moderator and Counsel	250	Interest Account	400
Town Reports	400 700	Town Clock and Fountain	120 150
Bonds and Damages	400	Snow Removal	4,000
	500		5000

Article 9. To determine the salary of the Tax Collector, or act thereon.

**The Finance Committee recommend salary \$500.00, expense \$150.00**

Article 10. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 for the care and maintenance of the Dickinson



Memorial Library, which amount includes the Dog Tax and the fines, or act thereon.

**The Finance Committee recommend \$3,000.00** 3300

Article 11. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used in the extermination of the Gypsy Moth, or act thereon.

**The Finance Committee recommend \$850.00** 750

Article 12. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to defray the expense of a Community Nurse, or act thereon.

**The Finance Committee recommend salary \$1,550.00** 2050

Article 13.. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used in putting up railing, or act thereon.

**The Finance Committee recommend \$300.00** ✓ car 300

Article 14. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to pay note due on the new Grade School building debt or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

**The Finance Committee recommend \$4,500.00** ✓ 850

Article 15. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the care and preservation of cemeteries, or act thereon.

**The Finance Committee recommend \$800.00**

Article 16. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to enter into contract with the Board of Public Works, Division of Highways, for repair and improvement of roads and highways, exclusive of State Highways and raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated, available funds in the treasury a sum of money for Chapter 81 Highways, or take any action in relation thereto.

**The Finance Committee recommend \$14,625.00** 4875

Article 17. To see if the town will empower the Selectmen to defend the town in any suit brought against the town, or act thereon.

Article 18. To see if the town will raise and appropriate any sum of money to cooperate with the State and County in construction of Chapter 90 roads, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

**The Finance Committee recommend \$4,000.00** 1000 3000

Article 19. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for Memorial Day exercises, the same to be expended under the direction of the American Legion, or act thereon.

**The Finance Committee recommend \$150.00**

Article 20. To see if the town will vote to elect or appoint a Park Commissioner to have charge of the athletic fields and playgrounds in the town, to serve one year without pay, and to see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the care of the Athletic Field.

**The Finance Committee recommend \$125.00**

Article 21. To see if the town will vote to complete the parking space in the rear of the town hall with gravel and oil; install sufficient lights; make any other necessary improvements; raise and appropriate a sum of money for this purpose, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 22. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to appoint one of their members as clerk for the Aid to Dependent Children and Old Age Assistance, and that the salary be \$300.00, in accordance with Section 4a, Chapter 41, General Laws and raise and appropriate money for the same.

**The Finance Committee recommend \$300.00**

Article 23. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for Constables' pay or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

**The Finance Committee recommend \$200.00**

Article 24. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 for the purpose of constructing a new cement sidewalk on the east side of Main Street extending from the present cement walk in front of Charles Slate's southward.

**The Finance Committee recommend \$1,000.00**

Article 25. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for Hydrant Service for 15 hydrants to be paid to the Northfield Water Co. for water supplying the hydrants for fire protection or act thereon.

Article 26. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for a reserve fund for the current year, or act thereon.

**The Finance Committee recommend \$2,000.00 transfer from overlay reserve.**



Article 27. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$500.00 to take care of the drainage of water on Warwick Avenue between St. Mary's St., and Birnam road, or act thereon.

**The Finance Committee recommend \$500.00**

Article 28. To see if the town will vote to accept from the American Youth Hostels, Inc., the sum of \$150.00, the same to be added by the Asssersors to Estimated Receipts and Available Funds when setting the tax rate.

Article 29. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to meet foreclosure costs on tax titles, or act thereon.

**The Finance Committee recommend \$50.00**

Article 30. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$500.00 to continue work on the drain started on the road between the Railroad track and Ernest Whitney's, or act thereon.

**The Finance Committee recommend \$500.00**

Article 31. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to build or repair the fence at the West Northfield Cemetery or act thereon.

**The Finance Committee recommend \$300.00 transfer from Cemetery Lot Fund.**

Article 32. To see if the town will vote to raise a sum of money to pay unpaid bills of 1945 or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 33. To see if the town will vote to transfer a sum of money from surplus revenue to reduce the tax rate.

**The Finance Committee recommend \$2,000.00**

Article 34. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen and the Town Planning Board to receive and take action on all applications for business permits and business licenses within the Town, and to call and conduct such public hearings as are necessary in connection with aforesaid applications, or act thereon.

Article 35. To see if the town will vote to authorize or empower the Selectmen to appoint a Trustee of the Martha W. Alexander Fund, to take the place of Frank H. Montague or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 36. To see if the town will vote to appoint a survey committee to investigate the advisability of erecting a World War II Memorial in the form of a community-school center and to determine the need for additional school facilities consisting of a gymnasium, vocational shop, and kindergarten quarters to

occupy this building. This Committee is to be composed of the chairman of the board of Selectmen, the Commander of the American Legion, the President of the P. T. A., the school committee, and three other members to be appointed by the chairman of the board of Selectmen, one of whom shall be a veteran.

Article 37. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$50.00 for the cost of making the survey and publishing the report of this survey committee.

**The Finance Committee recommend \$50.00**

Article 38. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appoint a committee to look up land that can be used for a cemetery or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 39. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to enlarge and improve the kitchen at the town hall, and to buy needed equipment and authorize the selectmen to appoint a committee to be in charge of the work, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

**The Finance Committee recommend \$1,000.00**

Article 40. To see if the town will vote to buy a car for the use of our town nurse and raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,067.00 for the same and \$333.00 for maintenance or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

**The Finance Committee recommend car \$1,067.00 and maintenance \$333.00**

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the Post Offices in Northfield, East Northfield, West Northfield, at the School House in District No. 6 and the Tenney Farms Filling Station at Northfield Farms, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting, as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 19th day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and forty-six.

FRED A. HOLTON  
GEORGE W. CARR  
ROSS L. SPENCER

Selectmen of Northfield



HENRY F. LONG  
COMMISSIONER

THEODORE N. WADDELL  
DIRECTOR OF ACCOUNTS

*The Commonwealth of Massachusetts*  
*Department of Corporations and Taxation*  
*Division of Accounts*

*State House, Boston.*

January 18, 1946.

To the Board of Selectmen

Mr. Fred A. Holton, Chairman  
Northfield, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Northfield for the year ending December 31, 1945, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws. This is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. Herman B. Dine, Assistant Director of Accounts.

Very truly yours,

*Theodore N. Waddell*

Director of Accounts

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Mr. Theodore N. Waddell  
Director of Accounts

Department of Corporations and Taxation  
State House, Boston

Sir:

As directed by you, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Northfield for the year ending December 31, 1945, and submit the following report thereon:

The records of financial transactions of the several departments receiving or disbursing town funds, or sending out bills for collection were examined, checked and verified by comparison with the books of the treasurer and town accountant.

The surety bonds of the treasurer, tax collector, deputy collector and town clerk for the faithful performance of their duties were examined and found to be in proper form.

The receipts for licenses granted by the selectmen and issued by the town clerk were checked and the payments to the treasurer were verified.

The books and accounts of the town accountant were examined and checked in detail. The receipts, as recorded, were compared with the treasurer's books, while the recorded payments were checked with the treasury warrants and with the treasurer's record of disbursements. The appropriation accounts, as recorded on the ledger, were checked with the town meeting records of the town clerk, the transfers from the reserve fund were compared with the authorizations of the finance committee, and all other accounts were checked with information in the departments in which the transactions originated. The ledger was analyzed, a trial balance was taken off, and after the necessary adjusting entries resulting from the audit were made, a balance sheet, which is appended to this report, was prepared showing the financial condition of the town on December 31, 1945.

The balance sheet shows that the town is in excellent financial condition.

In checking the paid bills on file, it was found that several school bills incurred in 1944 were paid from the appropriation voted for 1945 expenses. Attention in this connection is called to Section 58, Chapter 41, General Laws, which requires all officials who are authorized to expend money, to furnish the town accountant, at the close of each year, a list of bills remaining unpaid, and which provides that the town accountant shall incorporate the same in his annual report.

Attention is also called to Chapter 179, Acts of 1941, which specifies the manner in which appropriations for unpaid bills of a prior year may be voted by the town and the requirements

that must be followed before such prior years' bills may be paid by the treasurer.

The books and accounts of the treasurer were examined and checked. The recorded receipts were analyzed and compared with the records of the departments collecting money for the town and with the other sources from which money was paid into the town treasury. The payments were checked with the warrants authorizing the disbursement of town funds and with the town accountant's books.

The cash books additions were verified, and the cash balance on December 31, 1945 was proved by actual count of the cash in the office and by reconciliation of the bank balance with a statement furnished by the depository.

The savings bank books and securities representing the investment of trust funds in custody of the town treasurer were examined and listed. The income was proved and the withdrawals were verified.

The tax title records in the custody of the treasurer were examined and checked with the accounts of the tax collector and town accountant, as well as with the records at the Registry of Deeds. The amounts received from redemptions were verified and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved.

The payments on account of maturing debt and interest were checked with the amounts falling due and with the cancelled securities on file.

The records of payroll deductions on account of Federal withholding taxes were examined and checked. The payments to the Collector of Internal Revenue and to the federal depository were verified, and the balances on hand to the credit of the town employees were listed and proved to the card records and to the town accountant's ledger account.

The records of charges for the use of town-owned highway equipment were checked with the payrolls of the highway department. The recorded collections were listed and the payments to the treasurer were verified.

The books and accounts of the tax collector were examined and checked in detail. The tax accounts outstanding according to the previous examination, and all subsequent commitment lists of poll, personal, real estate and motor vehicle excise taxes were audited and proved with the assessors' warrants committing them for collection. The collections as recorded on the cash books were listed, the payments to the treasurer were verified, the abatements were checked to the assessors' record of abatements granted, the taxes transferred to the tax title account were verified, and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved with the town accountant's ledger account.

Verification of the outstanding tax accounts was made by sending notices to a number of persons whose names appeared



on the books as owing money to the town, and from the replies received it appears that the outstanding accounts, as listed, are correct.

The receipts of the town clerk for dog and sporting licenses were checked with the record of licenses issued. The payments to the Division of Fisheries and Game and to the town treasurer were verified.

The appropriations were listed from the town clerk's record of town meetings and the amounts voted were compared with the aggregate appropriations raised by the assessors in the computation of the tax rate for 1945.

The recorded receipts of the sealer of weights and measures were checked with the record of work done and the payments to the treasurer were verified.

The records of the community nurse for the collection of nurse fees were examined and checked and the payments to the treasurer were verified.

The records of the health department on account of pasteurization licenses were checked and the payments to the treasurer were verified.

The records relative to town hall rentals were examined and checked and the payments to the treasurer were verified.

The records of receipts of the librarian of the Dickinson Library for fines were checked. The payments to the treasurer were verified and the cash on hand on January 6, 1946 was proved by actual count.

The records of the cemetery department for the sale and care of lots were examined and checked. The sales of lots were checked to the deed record book and the payments to the treasurer were verified. The savings bank pass book in custody of the Cemetery Commissioners was examined, the income and payments being proved.

The savings bank books representing the investment of trust funds in the custody of the selectmen were examined and listed. The income was proved and the withdrawals were checked.

The books and accounts of the trustees of the Martha W. Alexander Charity Fund were examined and checked. The savings bank books representing the investments of the fund were listed, the income was proved, and the withdrawals were verified. The payments were checked with the cancelled checks on file, and the cash balance was proved by reconciliation of the bank balance with a statement furnished by the depository.

The records of charges of the highway, public welfare and school departments were examined and checked. The recorded collections were checked, the payments to the treasurer were verified, the abatements were proved, and the outstanding accounts were listed and reconciled to the town accountant's ledger accounts.

Appended to this report, in addition to the balance sheet, are tables showing a reconciliation of the treasurer's cash, summaries of the tax and departmental accounts, as well as tables showing the transactions and condition of the trust and investment funds.

For the cooperation received from the several town officials while engaged in making the audit. I wish, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN B. DINE,

Assistant Director of Accounts

#### RECONCILIATION OF TREASURER'S CASH

Balance January 1, 1945, per previous audit,	\$ 48,819.11	
Receipts 1945:		
Reported,	\$147,531.41	
Not reported:		
Interest refund,	\$ 1.23	
Town hall rent,	13.00	
Withholding taxes,	267.20	
	281.43	
	147,812.84	
	<u>146,142.37</u>	\$196,631.95
Payments 1945,		
Balance December 31, 1945:		
Franklin County Trust		
Company,	\$ 49,441.86	
Cash in office, verified,	1,047.72	
	50,489.58	
	<u>146,142.37</u>	<u>\$196,631.95</u>

#### FRANKLIN COUNTY TRUST COMPANY OF GREENFIELD

Balance December 31, 1945, per statement,	\$ 59,753.83
Balance December 31, 1945, per check book,	\$ 49,441.86
Oustanding checks December 31, 1945, per list,	10,311.97
	<u>\$ 59,753.83</u>

#### FEDERAL WITHHOLDING TAXES

Balance January 1, 1945, per previous audit,	\$ 277.00	
Payroll deductions 1945:		
Reported,	\$ 3,051.20	
Not reported,	267.20	
	3,318.40	
	<u>3,318.40</u>	\$ 3,595.40

Payments 1945:

Federal depository	\$ 2,091.50	
Collector of Internal Revenue	1,174.10	
	\$ 3,265.60	
Balance December 31, 1945	329.80	
	<u>          </u>	\$ 3,595.40

TAXES—1942

Outstanding January 1, 1945, per previous audit		\$ 55.10
Payments to treasurer 1945	\$ 17.10	
Audit adjustment		
Tax titles taken not reported	38.00	
	<u>          </u>	\$ 55.10

TAXES—1943

Outstanding January 1, 1945, per previous audit		\$ 5,012.94
Payments to treasurer, 1945	\$ 4,945.44	
Audit Adjustment:		
Tax titles taken not reported	67.50	
	<u>          </u>	\$ 5,012.94

TAXES—1944

Outstanding January 1, 1945, per previous audit	\$ 10,565.41	
Abatement after payment refunded	13.83	
	<u>          </u>	\$ 10,579.24
Payments to treasurer 1945	\$ 5,877.63	
Audit adjustments:		
Tax titles taken not reported	65.63	
Taxes 1944 reported as taxes 1945	40.00	
Outstanding December 1, 1945, per list	4,595.98	
	<u>          </u>	\$ 10,579.24

TAXES—1945

Commitment per warrants	\$ 67,853.96	
Additional commitments	8.00	
Abatement after payment refunded	35.00	
Audit adjustment:		
Taxes 1944 reported as taxes 1945	40.00	
	<u>          </u>	\$ 67,936.96
Payments to treasurer 1945	\$ 55,023.32	
Abatements 1945	942.67	
Added to tax titles 1945	\$ 374.68	
Audit adjustment:		
Added to tax titles not reported	65.63	
	<u>          </u>	440.31
Outstanding December 31, 1945, per list	11,530.66	
	<u>          </u>	\$ 67,936.96

### MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES—1944

Outstanding January 1, 1945, per previous audit	\$	178.45
Payments to treasurer 1945	\$	163.90
Abatements 1945		14.55
	—————	\$ 178.45

### MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES—1945

Commitment per warrants	\$	2,398.48
Abatement after payment refunded		5.08
	—————	\$ 2,403.56
Payments to treasurer 1945	\$	2,170.74
Abatements 1945		28.33
Outstanding December 31, 1945, per list		204.49
	—————	\$ 2,403.56

### TIMBER SALVAGE TAXES

Outstanding January 1, 1945, per previous audit:		
Taxes 1940	\$	1,109.33
Taxes, 1941		1,239.84
Taxes 1942		1,239.84
	—————	\$ 3,589.01
Outstanding Deember 31, 1945		\$ 3,589.01

### INTEREST AND COSTS ON TAXES

#### Collections 1945:

##### Interest:

##### Taxes:

Levy of 1942,	\$	1.55
Levy of 1943,		359.84
Levy of 1944,		150.03
Levy of 1945,		22.02
	—————	\$ 533.44

##### Motor vehicle excise taxes:

Levy of 1944,	\$	4.76
Levy of 1945,		2.91
	—————	\$ 7.67

##### Costs:

##### Taxes:

Levy of 1942,	\$	.35
Levy of 1943,		13.45
Levy of 1944,		9.45
Levy of 1945,		4.90
	—————	\$ 28.15

##### Motor vehicle excise taxes:

Levy of 1944,	\$	14.95
Levy of 1945,		4.20
	—————	\$ 19.15
	—————	\$ 588.41



Payments to treasurer 1945:

Interest,	\$ 541.11	
Costs,	47.30	
	<hr/>	\$ 588.41

TAX TITLES

Balance January 1, 1945,		
per previous audit,	\$ 1,005.00	
Tax titles taken:		
Taxes 1945,	\$ 374.68	
Audit adjustments:		
Tax titles taken — not reported:		
Taxes 1942,	\$ 38.00	
Taxes 1943,	67.50	
Taxes 1944,	65.63	
Added to tax titles — not reported:		
Taxes 1945,	65.63	
Interest and costs not reported,	28.71	
	<hr/>	\$ 265.47
		<hr/>
		\$ 1,645.15
Tax titles redeemed 1945,	\$ 463.98	
Balance December 31, 1945, per list,	\$1,181.17	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,645.15

TAX POSSESSIONS

Balance January 1, 1945, per previous audit,	\$ 417.66
Balance December 31, 1945, per list,	\$ 417.66

SELECTMEN'S LICENSES

Issued by Town Clerk

Licenses issued 1945:		
Pistol	\$ 9.00	
Milk	4.00	
Oleomargarine	2.00	
Common victuallers'	8.00	
Innholder	6.00	
Denatured alcohol	1.00	
Gasoline	24.00	
Junk	2.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 56.00
Payments to treasurer 1945,		\$ 56.00

TOWN CLERK

Dog Licenses

Licenses issued 1945:		
Male,	147 @ \$ 2.00	\$ 294.00
Female,	18 @ 5.00	90.00
Spayed female,	63 @ 2.00	126.00



Kennel,	5 @	10.00	50.00	
Transfers,	4 @	.25	1.00	
			<hr/>	\$ 561.00
Payments to treasurer 1945,			\$ 513.40	
Fees retained 1945:				
Licenses,	233 @	.20	\$46.60	
Transfers,	4 @	.25	1.00	47.60
			<hr/>	..\$ 561.00
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### Sporting Licenses

#### Licenses issued 1945:

Resident citizens' fishing,	77 @	\$2.00	\$.	154.00
Resident citizens' hunting,	100 @	2.00		200.00
Resident citizens' sporting,	99 @	3.25		321.75
Resident citizen minors' and females' fishing,	50 @	1.25		62.50
Resident citizens' trapping,	3 @	5.25		15.75
Special non-resident citizens' fishing,	10 @	1.50		15.00
Non-resident citizens' minor's fishing	1 @	2.25		2.25
Non-resident citizens' fishing,	12 @	5.25		63.00
Non-resident citizens' hunting	4 @	10.25		41.00
Non-resident military and naval sporting,	2 @	2.00		4.00
			<hr/>	\$ 880.25
Duplicates,	2 @	.50		1.00
Payments to Division of Fisheries and Game 1945,			\$	790.75
Fees retained 1945,	358 @	\$ .25		89.50
			<hr/>	\$ 880.25
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### TOWN HALL RENTALS

Collections 1945		\$	421.50
Payments to treasurer 1945:			
Reported,		\$	408.50
Not reported,			13.00
		<hr/>	\$ 421.50
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### TOWN HISTORIES

Collections 1945:			
Sale of books,	3 @	\$5.00	\$ 15.00
Payments to treasurer 1945			\$ 15.00
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## SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Outstanding January 1, 1945,		
per previous audit,	\$	1.18
Sealer's fees 1945,		48.08
	<hr/>	\$ 49.26
Payments to treasurer 1945,		\$ 49.26

## HEALTH LICENSES

Licenses issued 1945:		
Pasteurization,	2 @ \$10.00	\$ 20.00
Payments to treasurer 1945,		\$ 20.00

## COMMUNITY NURSE

Cash on hand January 1, 1945		
per previous audit,	\$	38.50
Fees collected 1945,		404.75
	<hr/>	\$ 443.25
Payments to treasurer 1945,	\$	407.25
Cash on hand December 31, 1945,		36.00
(Paid treasurer January 4, 1946)		\$ 443.25

## PUBLIC WELFARE DEPARTMENT

### Temporary Aid — Accounts Receivable

Charges 1945,		\$ 1,322.64
Audit adjustment—		
Error in charges entered,		.30
	<hr/>	\$ 1,322.94
Payments to treasurer 1945,		\$ 1,322.94

## AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

### Accounts Receivable

Charges 1945,		\$ 1,182.08
Payments to treasurer 1945	\$	910.85
Outstanding December 31, 1945, per list		271.23
	<hr/>	\$ 1,182.08

## BUREAU OF OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

### Accounts Receivable

Outstanding January 1, 1945,		
per previous audit	\$	241.49
Charges 1945		15,103.20
Audit adjustment—		
Error in charges entered		.34
	<hr/>	\$15,345.03
Payments to treasurer 1945	\$	15,207.65
Outstanding December 31, 1945		137.38
	<hr/>	\$15,345.03

## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

### Snow Removal — Accounts Receivable

Charges 1945		\$ 2,467.21
Payments to treasurer 1945	\$ 2,081.87	
Outstanding December 31, 1945, per list	385.34	
	\$ 2,467.21	

## SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

### Accounts Receivable

Outstanding January 1, 1945, per previous audit	\$ 218.00	
Charges 1945	134.40	
	\$ 352.40	
Payments to treasurer 1945	\$ 160.00	
Abatements 1945	178.00	
Outstanding December 31, 1945	14.40	
	\$ 352.40	

## LIBRARY

Cash on hand January 1, 1945, per previous audit	\$ 1.48	
Fines 1945	130.43	
	\$ 131.91	
Payments to treasurer 1945	\$ 118.12	
Reported loss through theft	13.65	
Cash on hand December 31, 1945	.14	
	\$ 131.91	
Cash on hand January 1, 1946	\$ .14	
Fines January 1 to 8, 1946	4.82	
	\$ 4.96	
Cash on hand January 8, 1946, verified	\$ 4.96	

## CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Receipts 1945:		
Sale of cemetery lots	\$ 235.00	
Perpetual care income	4.06	
	\$ 239.06	
Payments to treasurer 1945:		
Sale of cemetery lots	\$ 235.00	
Expenditures by commissioners:		
Care of lot	4.06	
	\$ 239.06	

# ELISHA ALEXANDER FUND

## In Custody of Selectmen

		Savings Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1945		\$2,020.00	\$2,020.00
On hand at end of year 1945		\$2,020.00	\$2,020.00
Receipts		Payments	
	1945		
Income	\$ 60.60	Transfer to town	\$ 60.60

# MARTHA ALEXANDER CHARITY FUND

## In Custody of Trustees

		Cash	Savings Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1945		\$195.68	\$8,525.00	\$8,720.68
On hand at end of year 1945		\$235.75	\$8,525.00	\$8,760.75
Receipts		Payments		
	1945			
Income	\$ 166.30	Aid to poor		\$ 125.00
Cash on hand January 1, 1945	195.68	Bank charges		1.23
		Cash on hand December 31, 1945		235.75
	\$ 361.98			\$ 361.98

# LOTTIE EVANS CHARITY FUND

## In Custody of Treasurer

		Savings Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1945		\$ 711.65	\$ 711.65
On hand at end of year 1945		\$ 725.94	\$ 725.94
Receipts		Payments	
	1945		
Income	\$ 14.29	Added to savings deposits	\$ 14.29

# GEORGE F. MORGAN CHARITY FUND

## In Custody of Treasurer

		Savings Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1945		\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
On hand at end of year 1945		\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Receipts		Payments	
	1945		
Income	\$ 60.30	Transfer to town	\$ 60.30



# **SURPLUS REVENUE SCHOOL FUND**

## **In Custody of Treasurer**

		Savings Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1945		\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00
On hand at end of year 1945		\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00
	Receipts	Payments	
	1945		
Income	\$ 32.16	Transfer to town	\$ 32.16

# **BELCHER CENTER SCHOOL FUND**

## **In Custody of Treasurer**

		Savings Deposits	Securities Par Value	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1945		\$1,050.00	\$ 200.00	\$1,250.00
On hand at end of year 1945		\$1,050.00	\$ 200.00	\$1,250.00
	Receipts	Payments		
	1945			
Income	\$ 26.10	Transfer to town		\$ 26.10

# **BELCHER LIBRARY FUND**

## **In Custody of Treasurer**

		Savings Deposits	Securities Par Value	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1945		\$9,439.01	\$ 300.00	\$9,739.01
On hand at end of year 1945		\$9,439.01	\$ 300.00	\$9,739.01
	Receipts	Payments		
	1945			
Income	\$ 197.15	Transfer to town		\$ 197.15

# **CHARLES P. DICKINSON LIBRARY FUND**

## **In Custody of Treasurer**

		Savings Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1945		\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
On hand at end of year 1945		\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
	Receipts	Payments	
	1945		
Income	\$ 60.30	Transfer to town	\$ 60.30

# **WEST NORTHFIELD CEMETERY FUND**

## **In Custody of Treasurer**

		Savings Deposits	Securities Par Value	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1945		\$3,470.00	\$4,000.00	\$7,470.00
On hand at end of year 1945		\$3,470.00	\$4,000.00	\$7,470.00



# Receipts

# Payments

	1945		
Income	\$ 239.74	Transfer to town	\$ 239.74
	<u>          </u>		<u>          </u>

## JAMES W. COWLES CEMETERY FUND

### In Custody of Treasurer

	Savings	
	Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1945	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
On hand at end of year 1945	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Receipts		
	Payments	

	1945		
Income	\$ 40.20	Transfer to town	\$ 40.20
	<u>          </u>		<u>          </u>

## BELCHER CENTER CEMETERY FUND

### In Custody of Treasurer

	Savings	Securities	
	Deposits	Par Value	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1945	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00
On hand at end of year 1945	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00
Receipts			
	Payments		

	1945		
Securities written off by vote of town	\$1,000.00	Securities purchased	\$1,000.00
Town appropriation to reimburse trust fund	1,000.00	Loss on securities written off by town vote	1,000.00
Income	20.10	Transfer to town	20.10
	<u>          </u>		<u>          </u>
	\$2,020.10		\$2,020.10
	<u>          </u>		<u>          </u>

## CALVIN STEARNS CEMETERY FUND

### In Custody of Treasurer

	Savings	
	Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1945	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
On hand at end of year 1945	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Receipts		
	Payments	

	1945		
Income	\$ 10.05	Transfer to town	\$ 10.05
	<u>          </u>		<u>          </u>

## CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS

### In Custody of Treasurer

	Savings	
	Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1945	\$10,164.75	\$10,164.75
On hand at end of year 1945	\$10,364.75	\$10,364.75

Receipts		Payments	
	1945		
Bequests	\$ 200.00	Added to savings deposits	\$ 200.00
Income	204.48	Transfer to town	204.48
	<u>\$ 404.48</u>		<u>\$ 404.48</u>

### CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS

#### In Custody of Selectmen

		Savings Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1945		\$ 303.00	\$ 303.00
On hand at end of year 1945		\$ 303.00	\$ 303.00
Receipts		Payments	
	1945		
Income	\$ 9.09	Transfer to town	\$ 9.09

### POST-WAR REHABILITATION FUND

#### In Custody of Treasurer

		Cash in General Treasury	Securities Par Value	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1945		\$ 154.53	\$10,000.00	\$10,154.53
On hand at end of year 1945		\$ 404.53	\$10,000.00	\$10,404.53
Receipts		Payments		
	1945			
Income	\$ 250.00	Cash in general treasury		
Cash in general treasury January 1, 1945	154.53	December 31, 1945		\$ 404.53
	<u>\$ 404.53</u>			<u>\$ 404.53</u>

# TOWN OF NORTHFIELD

Balance Sheet — December 31, 1945

## GENERAL ACCOUNTS

### ASSETS

Cash

Accounts Receivable:

Taxes:

Levy of 1944

Levy of 1945

\$ 4,595.98

11,530.66

Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes:

Levy of 1945

Timber Salvage Taxes:

Levy of 1940

Levy of 1941

Levy of 1942

\$ 1,109.33

1,239.84

1,239.84

Tax Titles

Departmental:

Aid to Dependent Children

Old Age Assistance

Snow Removal

Schools

\$ 271.23

137.38

385.34

14.40

State Aid to Highways

Underestimate 1945 — County Tax

808.35

1,354.46

42.32

### LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

Payroll Deductions for Federal Tax

Sale of Cemetery Lots Fund

Sale of Real Estate Fund

Overestimate — State Parks and

Reservations Tax

Tax Title Sale Excess —

Section 79, Chapter 60

Trust Fund Income:

George Morgan Charity Fund

Elisha Alexander Charity Fund

Dickinson Library Book Fund

Belcher Library Fund

Belcher Center School Fund

Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds

Calvin Stearns Cemetery Fund

West Northfield Cemetery Fund

Post-War Rehabilitation Fund

Road Machinery Fund

Federal Grants:

Aid to Dependent Children:

Administration

\$ 329.80

2,135.62

1,260.00

19.54

25.44

46.63

141.56

.19

.57

26.10

3.20

10.00

232.57

404.53

865.35

8,452.82

\$ 1.28

Old Age Assistance:		
Administration	245.57	
Assistance	30.70	
		277.55
Tax Collector's Costs		39.60
Tailings		20.33
Unexpended Balances:		
Planting Trees	\$121.34	
Assessors' Typewriter	120.00	
Truck Purchase	1,500.00	
		1,741.34
Reserve Fund — Overlay Surplus		2,073.80
Overlay Reserved for Abatements:		
Levy of 1944	\$1,365.05	
Levy of 1945	1,412.95	
		2,778.00
Revenue Reserved Until Collected:		
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	\$204.49	
Timber Salvage	3,589.01	
Tax Title	1,181.17	
Departmental	808.35	
State Aid to Highways	1,354.46	
		7,137.48
Surplus Revenue		46,639.35
		<u>\$73,796.02</u>

## DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt,	\$22,500.00
New School Building Loan	\$22,500.00

## TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Trust and Investment Funds, Cash and Securities:		
In Custody of Treasurer	\$51,649.70	\$2,020.00
In Custody of Selectmen	2,323.00	8,760.75
In Custody of Trustees	8,760.75	725.94
		3,000.00
		1,600.00
		1,250.00
		9,739.01
		3,000.00
		7,470.00
		2,000.00
		2,000.00
		500.00
		10,364.75
		303.00
		10,000.00
		\$62,733.45



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FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31<sup>st</sup>

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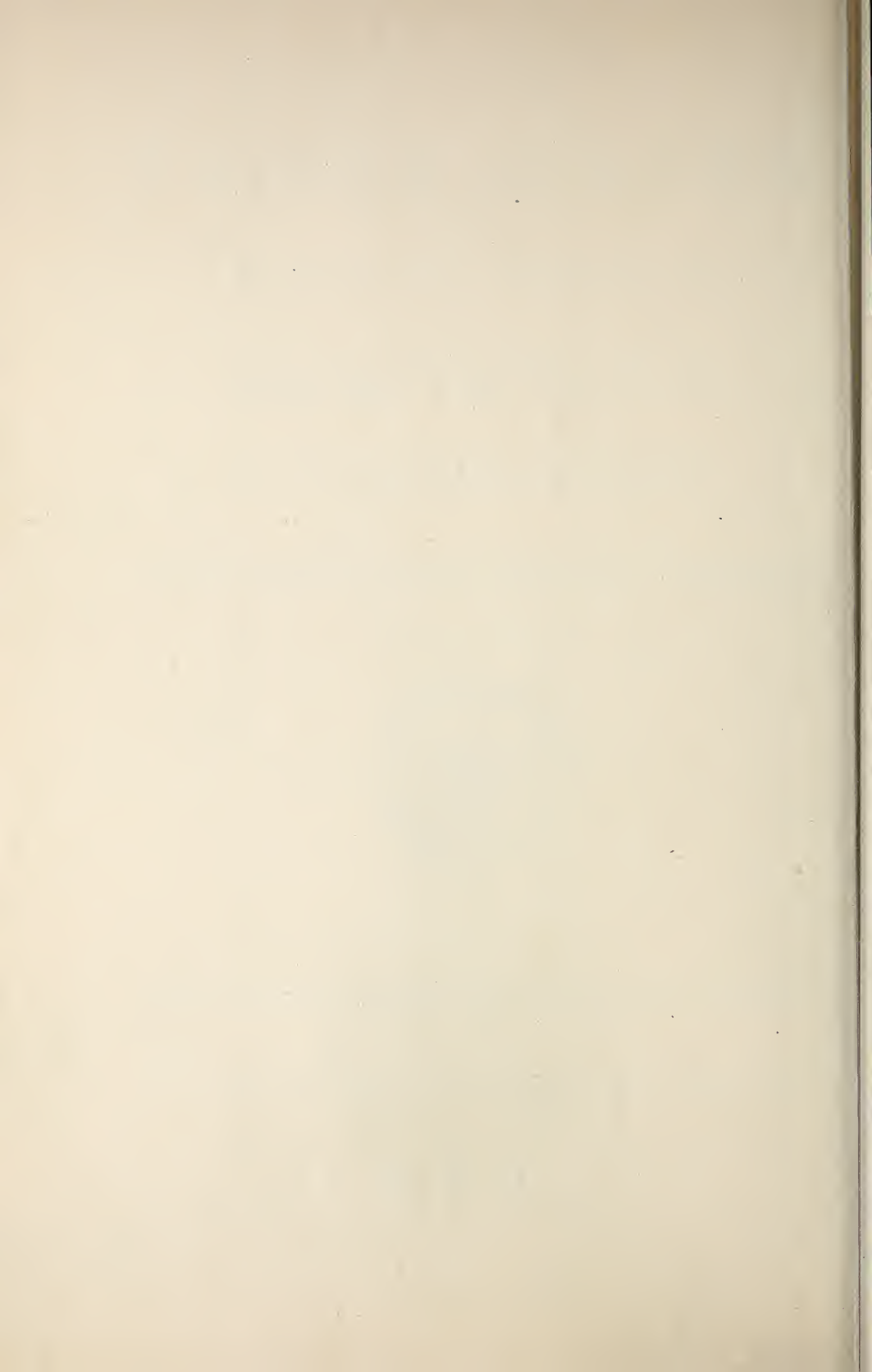


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## **Town Officers**

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### **Moderator**

William F. Hoehn

### **Town Clerk**

Josephine S. Haskell

### **Treasurer**

Charles F. Slate

### **Selectmen**

Ernest A. Parker, Chairman

George W. Carr

George H. Sheldon

### **Assessors**

Clifford A. Field

Term Expires 1947

Ernest A. Parker

Term expires 1948

Fred S. Merrifield

Term expires 1949

### **Tax Collector**

Charles F. Slate

### **School Committee**

Irving J. Lawrence

Term expires 1947

Lillian G. Wells

Term expires 1948

Sidney H. Given

Term expires 1949

### **Library Trustees**

Mercy A. Brann

Term expires 1947

Joseph W. Field

Term expires 1947

C. Ina Merriman

Term expires 1948

Robert B. Jack

Term expires 1948

Horace H. Morse

Term expires 1949

Mary G. Parker

Term expires 1949

### **Cemetery Commissioners**

George N. Kidder

Term expires 1947

Joseph J. Bartus

Term expires 1948

Carlton W. Holton

Term expires 1949

### **Tree Warden**

Dean Williams

**Constables**

Murray M. Hammond

Harry M. Haskell

Joseph G. Morgan

Martin E. Vorce

**Planning Board**

George McEwan 1947

Fred I. Bolton 1949

Frank W. Williams 1948

William E. Park 1950

Ferd A. Holton 1951

**Accountant**

Fred H. Doolittle

**Chief Fire Department**

Charles L. Johnson

**Superintendent of Roads**

Ralph V. Gibson

**Gipsy Moth Agent**

Frank W. Anderson

**Forest Fire Warden**

Charles L. Johnson

**Deputy Forest Fire Wardens**

Herman Fisher

Carlton Holton

Edward C. Bolton

Clifford L. Bolton

Charles L. Gilbert

George Barlow

Fred Blanchard

James E. Dresser

**Public Weighers**

George O. Dunnell

F. Myron Dunnell

Clarence H. Spaulding

Fred B. Kelly

Richard W. Borrows

Robert Schepp

**Inspection, Meat, Provisions and Slaughtering**

Horace W. Bolton

**Sealer of Weights and Measures**

Dean W. Williams

**Cattle Inspector**

Gilbert S. Hammond

**Fence Viewers**

Lucky O. Clapp

Laurence M. Hammond

Carlton W. Holton

**Surveyors Wood and Timber**

James E. Dresser

Fred I. Bolton



### **Field Drivers**

Robert H. Schepp

James R. Dale

Clarence K. Webber

### **Dog Officer**

Gilbert S. Hammond

### **Registrars of Voters**

Harry L. Gingras

Charles L. Gilbert

Charles L. Johnson

### **Finance Committee**

Helen E. McNeil

Term expires 1947

Richard G. Holton

Term expires 1947

Dorothy L. Miller

Term expires 1948

George McEwan

Term expires 1948

Fred I. Bolton

Term expires 1949

Walter H. Hyde

Term expires 1949

REPORT OF THE  
**Board of Selectmen**

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The Selectmen of the Town of Northfield submit for your consideration the records of the work of the past year ending December 31, 1946.

Attention is called to an article inserted in the warrant by our Board, asking for an appropriation for painting the interior and exterior of the Town Hall. This renovation is urgently needed, and we trust that the matter will receive the serious consideration of the voters.

At the death of Mr. Charles C. Stearns 120 copies of "The Puritan Outpost," belonging to the Town and of which Mr. Stearns had charge were turned over to the Board of Selectmen. Nineteen were distributed to the Senior Class of 1946, leaving a balance of 101 copies on hand at the present time.

Respectfully submitted,

ERNEST A. PARKER  
GEORGE W. CARR  
GEORGE H. SHELDON

# REPORT OF THE Town Treasurer

Balance January 1, 1946	\$ 50,489.58	
Receipts 1946	168,585.83	
		\$219,075.41
Payments for Warrants	\$173,818.88	
Cemetery Funds Deposited per Warrants	1,050.00	
Cash on hand December 31, 1946	1,004.98	
Franklin County Trust Co.	43,201.55	
		\$219,075.41

## Franklin County Trust Co. of Greenfield

Balance December 31, 1946 per statement		\$ 53,131.01
Outstanding checks December 31, 1946 per list	\$ 9,929.46	
Balance December 31, 1946 per check book	43,201.55	
		\$ 53,131.01

Respectfully submitted,

Charles F. Slate Treasurer

## Treasurer's Report of Trust Funds

### Edward D. Priest and Others—West Northfield Cemetery Fund

	Savings	Deposits	Securities	Total
On hand January 1, 1946		\$ 3,170.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 7,170.00
On hand December 31, 1946		3,170.00	4,000.00	7,170.00
Receipts of interest				233.71

### J. W. Cowles Center Cemetery Fund

	Savings	Deposits	Securities	Total
On hand January 1, 1946		\$ 2,000.00		\$ 2,000.00
On hand December 31, 1946		2,000.00		2,000.00
Receipts of interest				40.20

### Calvin Stearns Center Cemetery Fund

	Savings	Deposits	Securities	Total
On hand January 1, 1946		\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00
On hand December 31, 1946		500.00		500.00
Receipts of interest				10.05

### Belcher Center School Fund

	Savings	Deposits	Securities	Total
On hand January 1, 1946		\$ 1,050.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 1,250.00
On hand December 31, 1946		1,050.00	200.00	1,250.00
Receipts of interest				26.10

### Belcher Center Cemetery Fund

	Savings	Deposits	Securities	Total
On hand January 1, 1946		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
On hand December 31, 1946		1,000.00	1,000.00	2,000.00
Receipts of interest				47.15

### Lottie Evans Charity Fund

	Savings	Deposits	Securities	Total
On hand January 1, 1946		\$ 725.94		
Interest 1946		14.58		\$ 740.52

### George F. Morgan Charity Fund

	Savings	Deposits	Securities	Total
On hand January 1, 1946		\$ 3,000.00		\$ 3,000.00
On hand December 31, 1946		3,000.00		3,000.00
Receipts of interest				60.30

### Surplus Revenue School Fund

	Savings	Deposits	Securities	Total
On hand January 1, 1946		\$ 1,600.00		\$ 1,600.00
On hand December 31, 1946		1,600.00		1,600.00
Receipts of interest				32.16

### Belcher Library Fund

	Savings	Deposits	Securities	Total
On hand January 1, 1946		\$ 9,439.01	\$ 300.00	\$ 9,739.01
On hand December 31, 1946		9,439.01	300.00	9,739.01
Receipts of interest				197.15

### Charles P. Dickinson Library Book Fund

	Savings	Deposits	Securities	Total
On hand December 31, 1946		3,000.00		3,000.00
Receipts of interest				60.30

### Post-War Rehabilitation Fund

	Interest	Securities	Total
On hand January 1, 1946	\$ 404.53	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,404.53
Receipts of interest 1946	250.00		
Savings Deposits			
On hand December 31, 1946	\$ 654.53	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,654.53



## Mary H. Callender Mt. Hermon Cemetery Fund

	Savings Deposits	Securities	Total
Bequest received from			
Attorney Davenport—	\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00
On hand December 31, 1946	500.00		500.00
Receipts of interest from Attorney Davenport			\$ 173.00

### Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds

On hand January 1, 1946			\$10,664.75
On hand December 31, 1946			11,714.75
Receipts of interest		\$ 215.54	
Receipts of Bequests		1,050.00	1,265.54
Deposited in Savings Bank	\$ 1,050.00		
Interest transferred to town		215.54	1,265.54

## LIST OF CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS

Center Cemetery			
Augustus W. Holton	\$100.00	Louis F. Bartlett	100.00
Carpenter Winchester	100.00	Sherman Nye Bartlett	100.00
Thomas R. Callender	50.00	John F. Rice	100.00
John E. Nye	100.00	Hezekiah and Elizabeth	
Clinton A. Ware	150.00	Stratton	80.00
George Hastings and		Hezekiah and Mollie	
Dr. Stratton White	100.00	Stratton	80.00
Isaac Cook and		Rufus and Asenath	
Wright Stratton	100.00	Stratton	80.00
John L. Mattoon	100.00	William H. Phelps	200.00
Sarah E. Minat	150.00	Elizabeth M. Purple	200.00
James Pickard	100.00	Sarah Jane Whithead	50.00
William R. Moody	100.00	Bessie Severance	100.00
Charles Alexander and		Lewis Fowler	50.00
Richard Colton	200.00	Jessamine W. Polhemus	100.00
A. M. D. Alexander	300.00	Adeline W. Moody	100.00
James White	100.00	Mrs. Norman MacGaffin	50.00
Katherine Gaeng	100.00	Clara B. Torrey	100.00
Elijar E. Belding	100.00	Herbert E. Robbins	200.00
Elijar Belding	125.00	Samuel E. Walker	200.00
Lucy M. Webster	500.00	J. I. Greenleaf	300.00
Augustus L. Day	100.00	M. Margaret Laird	100.00
Charles Merriman and		Albert S. Brigham	100.00
Cornelius Hilliard	300.00	Mary L. Wright	125.00
Rose A. Holton	100.00	Charles Blackmer	50.00
J. Wesley Mann	100.00	M. Bemis and Otis Field	50.00
Andrew E. and		Alvin Long	50.00
Arthur H. Lyman	400.00	Dorothy P. Bruce	150.00
Edward B. Stearns	50.00	George - Artemus -	
B. F. Field and		Marshall Nye	200.00
Charles Pomeroy	100.00	Johnson Fund	123.06
Charles Osgood	300.00	Cora B. Preston and	
		Asa Holton	100.00

George C. Stebbins	50.00	Samuel Pratt	25.00
Charles Stebbins	100.00	George M. Chamberlain	75.00
Levi Fay	150.00	Ada E. Chamberlain and	
Harvey J. Evans	50.00	Sarah Morgan	75.00
Walter D. Crane	100.00	Charles C. Morgan	100.00
<b>South Mountain Cemetery</b>		Marcellus D. Stratton	100.00
Alice J. Bigelow	\$100.00	Elvira A. Morgan	50.00
<b>West Northfield Cemetery</b>		M. Maria Foss	200.00
George W. Snow	\$200.00	Elisa Groves	51.69
Henry M. Yerrington	100.00	Ritta R. Barrett	100.00
'Pennock' Cemetery Fund	100.00	Fred W. Ruggles	100.00
Cora B. Preston and		Inez E. Holton	50.00
Pitts W. Preston	100.00	Mary A. Stratton	100.00
<b>Northfield Farms Cemetery</b>		Ernest C. Field	100.00
Leroy Weatherhead	\$ 75.00	Larkin E. Fisher and	
Oscar and Frank V.		Frank Lucy Ross	50.00
Wood	50.00	Henry W. Montague	200.00
Rufus Stratton and		James and William	
Oren Darling	150.00	Merriam	100.00
William H. Stratton	100.00	<b>Mount Hermon Cemetery</b>	
Asahel and Alner		Henry F. Cutler	\$100.00
Sawyer	100.00	Horace F. Holton	100.00
Elisha and Elihu		L. Lormier Drury	100.00
Stratton	200.00	Alice V. Watson	150.00
Samuel A. Holton	200.00		
Brigham Gage and			
David Clowes	100.00		

# REPORT OF THE Tax Collector

## Tax Titles

Balance January 1, 1946			\$ 1,181.17	
Tax Titles taken:				
Taxes 1944	\$	31.68		
Taxes 1945		36.93		
Added to Tax Titles:				
Taxes 1946	\$	155.23		
Interest and costs		32.57	256.41	
				1,437.58
Tax titles redeemed 1946			817.29	
Balance December 31, 1946 per list			620.29	
				1,437.58

## Taxes 1944

Outstanding January 1, 1946		\$ 4,595.98
Payments to Treasurer	\$	4,564.30
Tax title taken		31.68
		\$ 4,595.98

## Taxes 1945

Outstanding January 1, 1946		\$11,530.66
Payments to Treasurer	\$	7,483.33
Abatement		2.00
Tax titles taken		36.93
Outstanding December 31, 1946		4,008.40

## Taxes 1946

			\$11,530.66
Committments per warrants	\$73,773.96		
Additional Committments	10.00	\$73,783.96	
Abatement after payment refunded	21.10		
Abatement after payment to be refunded	2.00	23.10	\$73,807.06
Payments to Treasurer	\$62,042.39		
Abatements	839.30		
Added to Tax Titles	155.23		
Outstanding December 31, 1946	10,770.14		\$73,807.06

### Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes 1945

Outstanding January 1, 1946	\$ 204.49	
Additional Commitments	40.64	
Abatement after payment refunded	1.92	
	<hr/>	247.05
Payments to Treasurer	\$ 241.13	
Abatements	5.92	
	<hr/>	\$ 247.05

### Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes 1946

Commitments per Warrants	\$ 3,607.79	
Abatement after payment refunded	8.51	
	<hr/>	\$ 3,616.30
Payments to Treasurer	\$ 3,211.51	
Abatements	52.28	
Outstanding December 31, 1946	352.51	
	<hr/>	\$ 3,616.30

### Interest and Costs on Taxes

Collections of 1946 Interest:		
Levy of 1944	\$ 346.00	
Levy of 1945	204.66	
Levy of 1946	33.83	
	<hr/>	584.49
Motor Vehicle Excise Interest:		
Levy of 1945	\$ 5.42	
Levy of 1946	7.82	
	<hr/>	13.24
Costs of Taxes:		
Levy of 1944	\$ 21.95	
Levy of 1945	6.65	
Levy of 1946	7.70	
	<hr/>	36.30
Costs of Motor Vehicle Excise:		
Levy of 1945	\$ 17.70	
Levy of 1946	9.80	
	<hr/>	27.50
	<hr/>	\$ 661.53
Payments to Treasurer 1946		
Interest	\$ 597.73	
Costs	63.80	
	<hr/>	\$ 661.53

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES F. SLATE, Collector of Taxes.

REPORT OF THE  
**Town Accountant**

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In compliance with the provisions of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, I submit the following report of the Accountant's Department for the calendar year ending December 31, 1946, including the source of all receipts, detail of appropriations and expenditures, statement of trust funds and town debt, and a balance sheet showing the financial condition of the town, January 1, 1947.

FRED H. DOOLITTLE,  
Town Accountant.

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**ANALYSIS OF TREASURER'S RECEIPTS**

Taxes from 1944	\$ 4,564.30	
Taxes from 1945	7,483.74	
Taxes from 1946	62,042.39	
	<hr/>	\$74,090.40
Tax Title	817.29	
Tax Title, Redemption and Costs	153.83	
	<hr/>	\$ 971.12
Motor Vehicle Excise for 1945	241.13	
Motor Vehicle Excise for 1946	3,211.51	
	<hr/>	\$ 3,452.64
From State:		
Income Tax	\$ 9,825.50	
Corporation Tax	4,045.38	
Reimbursement for Loss of Taxes	184.29	
Gas Tax	4,507.40	
	<hr/>	\$18,562.57
Licenses:		
Selectmen	\$ 62.00	
Health	25.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 87.00
Dog License	\$ 488.80	
Withholding Tax	3,042.90	
	<hr/>	\$ 3,531.70



**From County:**

Dog Fund	\$ 386.64	
Court Fines	100.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 486.64

**From State:**

Highways, Chapter 81, 1945	\$ 1,354.46	
Highways, Chapter 81, 1946	13,234.82	
Highways, Chapter 90, 1946	2,000.00	
Mass. State School Fund	6,316.14	
Union Superintendent	676.67	
Vocational Education	297.56	
Tuition and Transportation	1,040.38	
Meal Tax	1,190.82	
Inspection of Animals	28.75	
	<hr/>	\$25,939.60

**Protection of Persons and Property**

Sealer's Fees	\$ 44.77	
Fire Department	17.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 61.77

**Health**

Nurse Fees	\$ 307.00
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**Charities**

State Temporary Aid	\$ 294.16	
State A.D.C.	845.82	
State O.A.A.	17,330.42	
U.S. Grant O.A.A.	13,895.57	
U.S. Grant O.A.A. Administrator	464.17	
U.S. Grant A.D.C. Administrator	6.72	
U.S. Grant A.D.C.	1,029.01	
	<hr/>	\$33,865.87

**Schools**

Tuition	\$ 140.00
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**Unclassified**

Collector's Fees	\$ 63.80
Town Hall, rent	292.50
Library Fines	134.05
Machinery Account	3,274.29
Sale of Northfield History	5.30
Sale of School Lot	50.00
Sale of Snow Plow	25.00

## Interest

Interest on		\$ 3,844.94
Deferred Taxes	\$ 597.13	
G.F. Morgan Fund	60.30	
Elisha Alexander Fund	20.20	
Surplus Revenue	32.16	
Belcher Center School Fund	26.10	
Cemetery Funds (Treasurer)	248.37	
Cemetery Funds (Selectmen)	3.03	
Cemetery Funds (Belcher)	47.15	
Cemetery Funds (Stearns)	10.05	
Cemetery Funds (Mary Calender)	173.00	
Cemetery Funds (West Northfield)	241.08	
Library Fund	197.15	
C.P. Dickinson Book Fund	60.30	
Post War Rehabilitation Fund	250.00	
		\$ 1,966.22

## Cemeteries

Perpetual Care Funds	\$ 1,050.00	
Sale of Lots	130.00	
		\$ 1,180.00

## Refunds

Schools	16.86	
Town Hall	.30	
George Rist	25.00	
Town Truck Insurance	7.23	
A.D.C.	15.00	
O.A.A.	31.55	
Nurse, Car Registration	3.00	
Burrows Adding Machine	1.40	
		\$ 100.34

Total Cash Receipts for 1946	\$168,585.83
Cash on Hand January 1, 1946	50,489.58
	\$219,075.41

## EXPENDITURES

### Town Hall

Appropriation	\$ 2,000.00
Payments	
Harry M. Haskell	550.00
F. M. Dunnell	602.74
Western Mass. Electric Co.	198.36
H. W. Hammond	40.11

Leavis & Bolton	59.89	
Com. of Public Safety	5.00	
Northfield Water Co.	24.44	
W. D. Miller	26.90	
Irish & Morgan	33.17	
C. L. Johnson	3.00	
Avery's Store	5.63	
Royal Cleaners & Dyers	22.00	
Ray's Radio Service	70.20	
Alfred Holton	58.90	
J. J. Bartus	97.00	
Albert Anderson	2.00	
George Partridge	21.46	
Northfield School for Girls	.70	
Clark's Hardware	67.40	
A. L. Goodrich	12.00	
Leonard Gauard	2.50	
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	\$ 1,894.40	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	105.60	
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		\$ 2,000.00

#### Town Hall Kitchen

Appropriation		\$ 1,000.00
	Payments	
Northfield School for Girls	\$ 198.98	
Leavis & Bolton	246.17	
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	\$ 445.15	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	554.85	
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		\$ 1,000.00

#### Selectmen

Appropriation		\$ 600.00
	Payments	
Fred A. Holton	\$ 15.00	
Ross L. Spencer	15.00	
George H. Sheldon	185.00	
George W. Carr	200.00	
Ernest A. Parker	185.00	
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		\$ 600.00

#### Selectmen's Expense Account

Appropriation	\$ 100.00	
Appropriation by Transfer	2.36	
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Total Credits		\$ 102.36

### Payments

Fred A. Holton	\$	1.50	
George H. Sheldon		16.76	
Ernest A. Parker		8.50	
Telephone		9.75	
Selectmen's Association		9.00	
Wildcat Bounty		10.00	
Northfield Press		1.50	
Greenfield Recorder		1.00	
Hobbs & Warren		5.77	
Com. of Public Safety		.40	
Gilbert Hammond		27.03	
C. L. Johnson		6.00	
Peter Yarmac		8.15	
Registry of Deeds		3.00	
		<hr/>	\$ 102.36

### Moderator and Counsel

Appropriation	\$	250.00
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### Payments

William F. Hoehn	\$	15.00	
Stoddard, Ball & Bartlett		225.34	
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	\$	240.34	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue		9.66	
		<hr/>	\$ 250.00

### Tax Collector

Appropriation	\$	500.00
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### Payments

Charles F. Slate	\$	500.00	
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### Tax Collector

### (Expense Account)

Appropriation	\$	150.00
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### Payments

Charles F. Slate	\$	2.00	
Ramd-Shaw Agency		5.00	
M. C. Skilton		47.85	
Hobbs & Warren		82.16	
Bookstore		2.25	
Northfield Press		10.74	
		<hr/>	\$ 150.00

### Treasurer

Appropriation	\$	600.00
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### Payments

Charles F. Slate	\$	600.00	
		<hr/>	\$ 600.00

**Treasurer**  
**(Expense Account)**

Appropriation		\$ 140.00
	Payments	
M. C. Skilton	\$ 69.76	
Charles F. Slate	35.66	
Franklin Co. Trust Co.	19.53	
Northfield Press	3.76	
C. H. Demond	2.00	
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	\$ 130.71	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	9.29	
	<hr/>	\$ 140.00

**Town Clerk**

Appropriation, salary		\$ 300.00
	Payments	
Josephine S. Haskell	\$ 300.00	
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**Town Clerk**  
**(Expense Account)**

Appropriation		\$ 40.00
	Payments	
Josephine S. Haskell	\$ 13.67	
Robinson Seal Co.	3.00	
Hobbs & Warren	1.09	
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	\$ 17.76	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	22.24	
	<hr/>	\$ 40.00

**Election and Registration**

Appropriation		\$ 700.00
	Payments	
Registrars	\$ 272.00	
Election Officers	205.00	
Northfield Press	54.25	
Johnson & Johnson	1.25	
Josephine S. Haskell	15.77	
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	\$ 548.27	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	151.73	
	<hr/>	\$ 700.00



**Assessors  
(Typewriter)**

Appropriation	\$ 120.00	
Appropriation by Transfer	11.45	
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Total Credits		\$ 131.45
Payments		
Valley Office Supply Co.	\$ 131.45	
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**Assessors and Clerk**

Appropriation		\$ 1,250.00
Payments		
Fred Merrifield	\$ 250.00	
Clifford A. Field	250.00	
Ernest A. Parker & Clerk	750.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,250.00

**Assessors and Clerk  
(Expense Account)**

Appropriation	\$ 100.00	
Appropriation by Transfer	40.44	
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Total Credits		\$ 140.44
Payments		
Hobbs & Warren	\$ 73.79	
Valley Office Supply Co.	15.75	
C. H. Demond	17.75	
Robinson Seal Co.	10.75	
Assessors Association	6.00	
Fred Merrifield	2.00	
Clifford Field	2.00	
Ernest Parker	12.40	
	<hr/>	\$ 140.44

**Accountant**

Appropriation		\$600.00
Payments		
Fred H. Doolittle	\$ 600.00	
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**Accountant**  
**(Expense Account)**

Appropriation			\$	40.00
	Payments			
Commonwealth of Mass.	0	13.78		
C. H. Demond		3.96		
The Bookstore		1.80		
Hobbs & Warren		3.83		
Fred H. Doolittle		13.87		
			\$	37.24
Unexpended Balance to Revenue		2.76		
			\$	40.00

**Fire Department**

Appropriation			\$	1,700.00
	Payments			
F. M. Dunnell	\$	104.90		
New England Tel & Tel. Co.		73.16		
American LaFrance Co.		218.90		
David Dane		196.42		
Colton's Insurance Agency		155.00		
E. M. Gurlow, Inc		12.30		
Tenney Farms		1.97		
W. Podlinski		10.85		
Morgan's Garage		39.11		
R. H. Wilson		2.50		
Johnson & Johnson		9.50		
Frank Anderson		22.00		
John Hurley		3.00		
Grass Fires		12.00		
Sundry Persons (Pay Roll)		539.75		
			\$	1,402.95
Unexpended Balance to Revenue		297.05		
			\$	1,700.00

**Water Holes**

Appropriation			\$	125.00
	Payments			
J. V. McNeil	\$	112.00		
Frank Anderson		13.00		
			\$	125.00

**Hydrant Service**

Appropriation			\$	400.00
	Payments			
Northfield Water Co.	\$	400.00		
			\$	400.00

## Constable Pay

Appropriation	\$	200.00	
Appropriation by Transfer		55.72	
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Total Credit			\$ 255.72
	Payments		
H. M. Haskell	\$	130.64	
M. E. Vorce		57.35	
Richard Hiller		4.22	
M. M. Hammond		11.82	
Joseph Morgan		22.60	
W. K. Parker		3.50	
Dean Williams		3.00	
G. Hammond		22.59	
		<hr/>	\$ 255.72

## Inspection of Animals

Appropriation	\$	100.00	
Appropriation by Transfer		28.18	
Total Credit		<u>128.18</u>	\$ 128.18
	Payments		
Arthur Bolton	\$	25.00	
Gilbert Hammond		103.18	
		<u>128.18</u>	\$ 128.18

## Sealer of Weights and Measures

Appropriation		\$	150.00
	Payments		
Dean Williams		\$	125.00
Robinson Seal Co.			9.68
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		\$	134.68
Unexpended Balance to Revenue			15.32
			<hr/>
		\$	150.00

## Inspection of Meat and Slaughter

Appropriation		\$	200.00
	Payments		
Horace W. Bolton		\$	195.25
Unexpended Balance to Revenue			4.75
			<hr/>
		\$	200.00

## Insurance

Appropriation		\$ 1,200.00
	Payments	
A. P. Fitt, Casualty	\$ 319.00	
A. P. Fitt, Fire	725.98	
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	\$ 1,044.98	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	155.02	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,200.00

### Gypsy Moth

Appropriation \$ 850.00

#### Payments

Frank Anderson, Superintendent	\$ 134.70
Kenneth Ruhl	15.60
J. Billman, Jr.	41.60
William Fellows	20.80
Richard Sommers	52.00
Robert Hubbard	5.20
B. F. Lawrence Tree Expert Co.	525.00
Frank Anderson, Truck	38.40

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\$ 833.30

Unexpended Balance to Revenue 16.70

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\$ 850.00

### Tree Warden

Appropriation \$ 150.00

#### Payments

Dean Williams	\$ 17.55
John Field Rite-Way Tree Service	59.75
Ralph V. Gibson	22.60
Robert Strange	14.00
Leon Randall	16.00
Herbert Black	6.40

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\$ 136.30

Unexpected Balance to Revenue 13.70

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\$ 150.00

### Planting and Care of Trees

Appropriation from 1945 \$ 121.34

No Transaction

Unexpended Balance to 1947 \$ 121.34

### Tax Title Foreclosure

Appropriation \$ 50.00

#### Payments

Recording of Deeds \$ 8.00

Unexpended Balance to Revenue 42.00

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\$ 50.00

### Community Nurse

Appropriation \$ 1,550.00

#### Payments

Natalie Gowan \$ 1,550.00

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\$ 1,550.00

## Car for Community Nurse

Appropriation		\$ 1,067.00
	Payments	
Spencer Bros.	\$ 1,054.26	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	12.74	
		\$ 1,067.00

## Car Expense

Appropriation		\$ 333.00
	Payments	
Roy Fish	\$ 82.10	
Spencer Bros.	65.11	
Stearn's Garage	14.90	
Gordan Buffam	14.85	
Morgan's Garage	6.84	
Ernest Parker	2.00	
Registry of Motor Vehicles	3.00	
Shirley Goodwin	70.00	
Natalie Gowan	63.28	
	\$ 322.08	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	10.92	
		\$ 333.00

## Community Nurse (Expense Account)

Appropriation from Reserve Fund		\$ 50.00
	Payments	
Natalie Gowan	\$ 10.68	
Northfield Pharmacy	5.36	
Mead & Wheeler	2.33	
Telephone	1.15	
	\$ 19.52	
Unexpended Balance to Overlay Reserve Fund	30.48	
		\$ 50.00

## Health

Appropriation	\$ 400.00	
Appropriation by Transfer	8.36	
Total Credits		\$ 408.36
	Payments	
J. S. Haskell (Vital Statistics)	\$ 99.50	
Greenfield Recorder	6.19	
Northfield Press	4.50	
Greenfield Isolation Hospital	114.17	
Alexander S. Nadas M.D.	98.00	



Dr. James H. Bolton	25.00	
Dr. Ansel True	10.00	
Dr. F. W. Dean	25.00	
Ralph V. Gibson	4.00	
Henry Bassett	2.60	
Ernest Kenney	2.60	
Robert Strange	5.20	
Leon Randall	2.80	
Herbert Black	2.80	
Truck #3	3.00	
Truck #4	3.00	
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		\$ 408.36

### Highways—Chapter 81

#### Appropriation

Town Share	\$ 4,875.00	
State Share	9,750.00	
Special State	4,875.00	
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		\$19,500.00

#### Payments

Ralph V. Gibson, Superintendent	\$ 1,421.05	
Labor:		
Henry Bassett	734.56	
Ernest Kenney	375.43	
Robert Strange	728.45	
Robert Strange, Jr.	379.80	
Ignac Billman	895.00	
Bert Willey	736.85	
George Smalley	727.95	
Kenneth Ruhl	204.85	
Alwin Holloway	72.80	
Leon Randall	928.30	
Kenneth Black	858.30	
Herman Fisher	71.20	
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		\$ 8,134.48

#### Trucks and Supplies

Truck #3 & #5	\$ 862.75	
Truck #4	846.75	
Scraper	91.00	
Sander	48.25	
Herman Fisher, Tractor	193.60	
Herman Fisher, Truck	452.15	
Frank Anderson, Truck	307.57	
Sneidor Const. Corp.	85.00	
John Makin	202.00	
Northfield Washed Sand & Gravel	3,283.62	
New Eng. Metal Culvert Co.	1,155.93	
Lake Asphalt Co.	1,120.45	
American Tar Co.	2,656.43	
Mrs. A. H. Farnum	33.60	

Jack Berman	2.00	
J. J. Fisher	2.46	
F. Fisher	3.00	
Herman Fisher	11.00	
George Sheldon	8.00	
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		\$11,365.50
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		\$19,499.98
Unexpended Balance to Revenue		.02
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		\$19,500.00

### Highways—Chapter 90

#### Appropriation

Town Share	\$ 1,000.00
State Share	2,000.00
County Share	1,000.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund	.04

#### Total Credits

\$ 4,000.04

#### Payments

Ralph V. Gibson, Superintendent \$ 251.99

#### Labor:

Henry Bassett	256.00
Robert Strange	162.00
Robert Strange, Jr.	201.00
Ignac Billman	83.00
George Smalley	151.00
Bert Willey	72.00
Bert Holloway	32.00
Leon Randall	251.00
Herbert Black	237.00
Herman Fisher	7.00

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\$ 1,703.99

#### Trucks and Materials:

Truck #4	\$ 165.00
Truck #5	167.25
Scraper	1.00
Sander	3.50
Herman Fisher	314.00
Frank Anderson	268.00
Fred Kelley	45.50
Northfield Washed Sand & Gravel	673.97
Dean Williams	5.60
New Eng. Metal Culvert Co.	194.21
State Colony	175.50
American Tar Co.	282.52

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\$ 2,296.05

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\$ 4,000.04

## Highway Tools

Appropriation		\$ 100.00
	Payments	
Frank W. Hance	\$ 49.83	
W. D. Miller	6.62	
Morgan's Garage	3.00	
F. A. Irish	13.70	
E. M. Gurlow & Co.	5.30	
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	\$ 78.45	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	21.55	
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		\$ 100.00

## Snow Removal

Appropriation	\$ 4,000.00	
Appropriation (Special)	1,400.000	
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Total Credits		\$ 5,400.00

	Payments	
Ralph V. Gibson, Superintendent	\$ 524.32	
Henry Bassett	293.80	
Ernest Kenney	170.30	
Russell Fisher	10.25	
Francis Fisher	7.80	
Leslie Gibson	60.45	
Paul Gibson	2.60	
Ignac Billman	19.60	
Bert Willey	19.60	
Robert Strange	66.50	
Miles Stone	4.90	
Leon Randall	468.10	
Herbert Black	431.30	
Herman Fisher	6.40	
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		\$ 2,085.92

## Trucks and Materials

Truck No. 3 & 5	\$ 364.25
Truck No. 4	374.25
Sander	63.50
Herman Fisher	281.25
Herbert Black	18.00
D. M. Jewett	30.00
Northfield Washed Sand & Gravel	206.00
Spencer Bros.	217.08
Stearns Garage	312.58
G. C. Buffam	13.28
Lindells Express	1.13
George Sheldon	1.27
W. D. Miller	1.58
Spencer Bros. (Walks)	95.00

Holmes-Talcott Co.	67.72	
E. F. Edson	434.02	
Federal Tool & Steel Co.	38.30	
The Chemical Corp.	303.50	
Potter Grain Co.	40.00	
Potter Grain Co.	40.00	
The Northfield	133.79	
Furcola & Van Valkenburgh	.75	
Unitarian Church	10.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 3,007.25
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		\$ 5,093.17
Unexpended Balance to Revenue		306.83
	<hr/>	\$ 5,400.00

### Street Lights

Appropriation		\$ 2,971.56
	Payments	
Western Mass. Electric Co.	\$ 2,971.56	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,971.56

### Sidewalk Construction

Appropriation		\$ 1,000.00
	Payments	
Peter P. Yarmac	\$ 946.40	
Unexpended Balance to 1947	53.60	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,000.00

### Railings

Appropriation		\$ 300.00
	Payments	
Ralph V. Gibson, Superintendent	\$ 17.04	
Labor		
Henry Bassett	16.00	
Robert Strange	16.40	
Robert Strange, Jr.	3.25	
Ignac Billman	41.80	
George Smalley	2.60	
Kenneth Ruhl	2.60	
Bert Willey	39.20	
A. Holloway	28.00	
Leon Randall	17.60	
Herbert Black	6.40	
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Materials		\$ 190.89

W. D. Miller	1.40	
Ralph Gibson	16.00	
Andrew Plotszyk	43.65	
Smead & Tenney	38.68	
Trucks	6.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 105.73

	296.62	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	3.38	
	<hr/>	\$ 300.00

### Pine Meadow Drain

Appropriation	\$ 500.00
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#### Payments

Ralph V. Gibson, Superintendent	\$41.00	
Labor:		
Henry Bassett	24.70	
Robert Strange	18.00	
Ernest Kenney	5.20	
Herbert Black	21.00	
Leon Randall	18.20	
Truck No. 4	6.00	
Sander	4.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 138.10

#### Materials:

Ralph Gibson, Freight	16.87	
The Commonwealth of Mass.	288.00	
W. D. Miller	9.45	
Tenney & Smead	8.25	
Furcola & Van Valkenburgh	19.20	
J. L. Dunnell & Sons	15.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 356.77

	\$ 494.87	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	5.13	
	<hr/>	\$ 500.00

### Warwick Avenue Drain

Appropriation	\$ 500.00
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#### Payments

#### Labor:

Robert Strange	\$ 6.70	
Ignac Billman	19.50	
George Smaley	19.50	
Bert Willey	13.65	
Robert Strange, Jr.	19.50	
	<hr/>	\$ 78.85



## Materials

Truck No. 4	\$	3.75	
Truck No. 5		5.25	
J. L. Dunnell & Son		18.75	
W. D. Miller		21.00	
Robinson Clay Products Co.		372.40	
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	\$	421.15	
		<hr/>	\$ 500.00

## Truck Exchange

Appropriation			\$ 1,500.00
Spencer Bros.	\$	1,351.67	
Balance to Machinery Acct.		148.33	
		<hr/>	\$ 1,500.00

## Parking Space

Appropriation			\$ 400.00
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### Payments

Ralph V. Gibson, Superintendent	\$	32.00	
Labor:			
Henry Bassett		20.80	
Ernest Kenney		15.60	
Leon Randall		16.80	
Herbert Black		22.40	
		<hr/>	\$ 107.60

### Trucks and Material:

Truck No. 4	\$	24.00	
Truck No. 5		18.00	
Northfield Washed Sand & Gravel		123.00	
American Tar Co.		127.40	
		<hr/>	\$ 292.40
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			\$ 400.00

## Bridges

Appropriation			\$ 500.00
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### Payments

Ralph V. Gibson, Superintendent	\$	26.50	
Labor:			
Henry Bassett		10.40	
Ernest Kenney		10.40	
Robert Strange		13.20	
Robert Strange, Jr.		2.80	
Leon Randall		13.85	
Herbert Black		18.55	
		<hr/>	\$ 95.20

Trucks & Materials:

Truck No. 3	4.87	
Truck No. 4	7.87	
Henry Bassett	40.00	
Furcolo & Van Valkenburgh	226.30	
American Tar Co.	89.40	
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	\$	368.44

Unexpended Balance to Revenue

\$ 463.64  
36.36

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\$ 500.00

Road Machinery Fund

Appropriation from Machinery Fund	\$ 1,800.00
Appropriation from Reserve Fund	316.73

Total Credits

\$ 2,116.73

Payments

Colton's Insurance Agency	\$ 117.20
Spencer Bros.	779.64
Stearns Garage	695.84
Jordan's Motor Sales Co.	102.78
G. C. Buffam	125.37
Northfield Hotel Garage	125.90
Harold B. Allen	103.55
Unitarian Church	30.00
Leon Randall	17.85
Herbert Black	18.70

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\$ 2,116.73

Machinery Account

Balance from 1945 \$ 8452.82

Cash Received in 1946

From:

Trucks No. 3 & 5	\$ 1,425.37
Truck No. 4	1,428.87
Scraper	92.00
Sander	118.25
Truck, not specified	65.75
Town of Gill	65.40
Helen Stearns	3.75
Spencer Bros.	6.00
Spurgeon Gage	4.00
E. C. Benney	6.00
M. C. Skilton	4.00
R. H. Flagg	5.40
D. M. Jewett	39.50
C. L. Johnson, Pump	8.00
By Transfer, from Truck Exchange	148.33

Total Credit

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\$11,873.44

Payment by transfer to Road Machinery Fund	\$ 1,800.00	
To Sanding Machine	365.00	
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	\$ 2,165.00	
Balance to 1947	9,708.44	
	<hr/>	\$11,873.44
<b>Public Welfare</b>		
Appropriation		\$ 5,090.00
Cash Payments	\$ 4,684.97	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	315.03	
	<hr/>	\$ 5,000.00
<b>Public Welfare Clerk</b>		
Appropriation		\$ 150.00
	Payments	
George W. Carr	\$ 150.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 150.00
<b>O.A.A. and A.D.C. Clerk</b>		
Appropriation		\$ 300.00
	Payments	
George W. Carr	\$ 25.00	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	275.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 300.00
<b>Aid to Dependent Children</b>		
Appropriation	\$ 2,500.00	
Special Appropriation	900.00	
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Total Credits		\$ 3,400.00
	Payments	
Relief Rendered	\$ 3,253.22	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	146.78	
	<hr/>	\$ 3,400.00
<b>Aid to Dependent Children (U. S. Grant)</b>		
Appropriation:		
Received from U. S. Grant		\$ 1,029.01
	Payments	
Cash Payments	\$ 1,022.36	
Unexpended Balance to 1947	6.65	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,029.01
<b>Aid to Dependent Children (U. S. Grant Administrator)</b>		
Appropriation:		
Received from U.S. Grant		\$ 8.00
	Payments	
George W. Carr	\$ 5.00	
Unexpended Balance to 1947	3.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 8.00

**O.A.A. Administrator  
(U. S. Grant)**

Appropriation from 1945	\$ 245.57	
Appropriation Received in 1946	464.17	
Total Credits		\$ 709.74
	Payments	
George W. Carr	\$ 300.00	
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	23.50	
Bookstore	3.26	
M. Imagen Parker	.50	
Minnie H. Marsh	.25	
C. I. Liggett	.50	
George W. Carr	4.95	
	\$ 332.96	
Unexpended Balance to 1947	376.78	
		\$ 709.74

**Old Age Assistance  
(U. S. Grant)**

Appropriation from 1945	\$ 30.70	
Appropriation:		
Received from 1946	\$13,895.57	
Total Credits		\$13,926.27
	Payments	
Cash Payments	\$13,857.37	
Unexpended Balance to 1947	68.90	
		\$13,926.27

**Old Age Assistance**

Appropriation	\$21,000.00	
Appropriation by Transfer	62.40	
Appropriation (Special)	5,000.00	
Total Credits		\$26,062.40
	Payments	
Cash Payments	\$26,031.75	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	30.65	
		\$26,062.40

**Soldier's Relief**

Appropriation	\$ 2,500.00	
	Payments	
Cash Payments	\$ 1,764.29	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	735.71	
		\$ 2,500.00

### George F. Morgan Fund

Appropriation from 1945	\$ 46.63	
Appropriation Income 1946	60.30	
Total Credits		.\$ 106.93

#### Payments

No Transaction		
Unexpended Balance to 1947	\$ 106.93	
		\$ 196.93

### Elisha Alexander Fund

Appropriation from 1945	\$ 141.56	
Appropriation, Income 1946	20.20	
Total Credits		\$ 161.76

#### Payments

Cash Payments	\$ 50.00	
Unexpended Balance to 1947	111.76	
		\$ 161.76

### Schools

Appropriation	\$44,346.00	
Appropriation, Special	172.00	
Appropriation by Transfer ..	250.34	
Total Credits		\$44,768.34

#### Payments

Teacher's Pay Roll	\$23,199.00	
Superintendent and Clerk	1,827.00	
Janitors	1,600.00	
Janitor's Helpers	762.12	
Janitor's Supplies	396.48	
Repairs	1,840.10	
Fuel	1,698.08	
Lights and Water	813.26	
Transportation	8,347.00	
New Equipment	145.60	
Text Books	476.25	
Student's Supplies	811.10	
Sundry Educational Expenses	586.97	
Domestic Science	52.16	
Vocational Education	1,813.22	
Nurse	250.00	
School Doctor	150.00	
		\$44,768.34



### School Committee

Appropriation		\$ 150.00
	Payments	
Lillian G. Wells	\$ 50.00	
Sidney H. Given	50.00	
Irving J. Lawrence	50.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 150.00

### School Fence

Appropriation		\$ 850.00
	Payments	
Unexpended Balance to 1947	\$ 850.00	
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### School No. 4 (Auxiliary Lighting)

Appropriation		\$ 250.00
Unexpended Balance to 1947	\$ 250.00	
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### Belcher School Fund

Appropriation from 1945	\$ 26.10	
Income 1946	26.10	
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Total Credits		\$ 52.20
	Payments	
M. E. O'Brien & Sons	\$ 52.20	
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### Library

Appropriation		\$ 3,000.00
	Payments	
Lucy Eveleth	\$ 848.60	
Mrs. Florence Phelps	620.58	
Arlene Dunnell	69.50	
Frank Britton	190.00	
Lewis Abbey	150.00	
Western Mass. Electric Co.	107.71	
Northfield Water Co.	12.00	
F. M. Dunnell	249.19	
L. A. Barber	12.00	
Fred Townski	3.25	
W. D. Miller	8.72	
F. A. Irish	.96	
Johnson & Johnson	12.00	
W. H. Snow	2.00	
George H. White	292.00	
H. W. Hammond	11.65	
Morgan's Store	1.19	

The H. R. Hunting Co.	219.19
Barrett & Baker	14.52
C. R. Finch	53.50
Durico Library Supply Co.	15.85
Imperial Book Co.	31.21
J. Wesley & Sons	41.35
C. H. Demond	2.11
Mary Parker	5.00
Mrs. Phelps (cash)	5.00
Book of the Month Club	24.81

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\$ 2,997.89

Unexpended Balance to Revenue

2.11

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\$ 3,000.00

### Library Funds

#### Appropriation

Balance from 1945

\$ .57

Income Received 1946

197.15

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Total Credits

\$ 197.72

#### Payments

Lucy Eveleth

\$ 58.33

Frank Britton

30.00

The H. R. Hunting Co.

15.93

Book of the Month Club

3.06

Mrs. Phelps

38.50

Americal Library Association

3.00

Durico Library Supplies

1.33

J. S. Wesby & Sons ..

47.11

W. D. Miller

.43

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\$ 197.69

Unexpended Balance to 1947

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\$ 197.72

### C. P. Dickinson Book Fund

Appropriation from 1945

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Appropriation, Income 1946

60.30

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Total Credits

\$ 60.49

#### Payments

The H. R. Hunting Co.

40.96

Book of The Month Club

3.15

Barrett & Baker

2.07

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46.18

Unexpended Balance to 1947

14.31

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\$ 60.49

### Northfield Farms Library

Appropriation		\$ 50.00
	Payments	
Chas. L. Gilbert, Treasurer	\$ 50.00	
	\$ 50.00	

### Alexander Hall

Appropriation	\$ 150.00	
Appropriation by Transfer	11.09	
	\$ 161.09	
Total Credit		
	Payments	
Leo Fortier	\$ 120.00	
W. D. Miller	3.06	
Du-Ev Products Co.	35.33	
E. H. Cormie	2.50	
	\$ 161.09	

### Alexander Hall (Auxiliary Lighting)

Appropriation	\$ 250.00
	Payments
Unexpended Balance to 1947	\$250.00

### Memorial Day

Appropriation	\$ 150.00	
Appropriation by Transfer	36.15	
	\$ 186.15	
Total Credit		
	Payments	
John T. Park	\$ 25.00	
Clark's Sound Service	10.00	
John Wilson Co.	10.00	
Gardner Transportation Co.	38.00	
Malcolm K. Hall	25.00	
Christine B. Corser	30.00	
The Northfield	6.40	
Chalins Grocery Specialties	33.25	
Fish's Bakery	3.50	
Haven H. Spencer Post	5.00	
	\$ 186.15	

### Town Clock and Fountain

Appropriation	\$ 120.00	
Special Appropriation	120.00	
Appropriation by Transfer	7.50	
	\$ 247.50	
Total Credits		

### Payments

Northfield Water Co.	\$	75.00	
George H. White		120.00	
Charles L. Johnson		7.50	
David Quinn		5.00	
Willis K. Parker		40.00	
		<hr/>	\$ 247.50

### Care of Athletic Field

Appropriation			\$ 125.00
	Payments		
Frank Anderson	\$	20.00	
Ignac Billman		20.80	
Bert Willey		10.40	
George Smalley		5.20	
Edward Bolton		23.54	
R. Whitney		20.00	
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		99.94	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue		25.06	
		<hr/>	\$ 125.00

### Town Reports

Appropriation			\$ 700.00
	Payments		
George W. Carr (Postage)	\$	9.00	
Northfield Press		588.00	
Ernest Parker (Postage)		15.00	
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		\$ 612.00	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue		88.00	
		<hr/>	\$ 700.00

### Bonds and Damage

Appropriation			\$ 400.00
	Payments		
Colton's Insurance Agency	\$	164.00	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue		236.00	
		<hr/>	\$ 400.00

### Town Survey Committee

Appropriation			\$ 50.00
Unexpended Balance to 1947	\$	50.00	
		<hr/>	\$ 50.00

### Cemeteries

Appropriation			\$ 851.00
	Payments		
Frank Britton	\$	307.08	
Fred Chapman		295.33	
James Allen		14.75	

Owen Cary	39.64
Clark Hardware	23.75
G. N. Kidder	30.72
Rite-Way Tree Co.	54.50
F. A. Irish	6.78
W. H. Snow	16.00
Northfield Water Co.	12.00

	\$ 800.55
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	50.45

### Cemetery Trust Funds

Appropriation		
Balance from 1945	\$ 3.20	
Income Received 1946	470.54	
Total Credits		\$ 473.74
	Payments	
Frank Britton	\$ 99.12	
Fred Chapman	120.86	
Albert Clark	10.40	
David Quinn	42.88	
Ernest Kenney	5.60	
Albert Anderson	8.00	
	\$ 286.86	
Unexpended Balance to 1947	186.88	
		\$ 473.74

### Cemeteries (Calvin Stearns Lot)

Appropriation		
Balance from 1945	\$ 10.00	
Income Received 1946	10.05	
Total Credits		\$ 20.05
	Payments	
George N. Kidder	\$ 10.05	
Unexpended Balance to 1947	10.00	
		\$ 20.05

### West Northfield Cemetery

Appropriation		
Balance from 1945	\$ 232.57	
Income Received 1946	\$ 242.09	
Total Credits		\$ 474.66



### Payments

Carleton Holton	\$ 105.40	
Ralph Holton	831.00	
Leslie Gibson	19.50	
Philip Holton	9.00	
Joseph Holton	10.80	
G. N. Kidder	3.75	
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	\$ 231.55	
Unexpended Balance to 1947	243.11	
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		\$ 474.66

### West Northfield Cemetery Fence

Appropriation	\$ 300.00
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### Payments

Ernest Durant	\$ 300.00	
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		\$ 300.00

### Income from U. S. Bonds

Balance from 1945	\$ 404.53	
Interest in 1946	250.00	
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Total Credits		\$ 654.53

### Payments

Franklin Inst. of Savings (Investment Funds)	\$ 654.53	
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		\$ 654.53

### Interest Account

### Payments

Appropriation	\$ 400.00
Merchant's Nat'l Bank of Boston	\$ 337.50
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	62.50
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	\$ 400.00

### Grade School Debt

Appropriation	\$ 4,500.00
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### Payments

The Merchant's Nat'l Bank of Boston	\$ 4,500.00	
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		\$ 4,500.00

## Recapitulation

### Total Appropriation, Payments and Unexpended Balances

	Payments	Appropriations	Balance
Town Hall	\$ 1,894.40	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 105.60
Town Hall Kitchen	445.15	1,000.00	554.85
Moderator and Counsel	240.34	250.00	9.66
Treasurer, Expense Account	130.71	140.00	9.29
Town Clerk	317.76	340.00	22.24
Election and Registration	548.27	700.00	151.73
Accountant	637.24	640.00	2.76
Fire Department	1,402.95	1,700.00	297.05
Sealers of Weights and Measures	134.68	150.00	15.32
Inspection of Meat & Slaughter	195.25	200.00	4.75
Insurance	1,044.98	1,200.00	155.02
Gypsy Moth	833.30	850.00	16.70
Tree Warden	136.30	150.00	13.70
Tax Title Foreclosure	8.00	50.00	42.00
Community Nurse (Car)	1,054.26	1,067.00	12.74
Community Nurse (Car expense)	322.08	333.00	10.92
Highways Chapter 81	19,499.98	19,500.00	.02
Highway Tools	78.45	100.00	21.55
Snow Removal	5,093.17	5,400.00	306.83
Northfield Farms Drain	494.87	500.00	5.13
Bridge Repairs	463.64	500.00	36.36
Railings	296.62	300.00	3.38
Public Welfare	4,684.97	5,000.00	315.03
A.D.C. Administrator	25.00	300.00	275.00
A.D.C.	3,353.22	3,400.00	146.78
Old Age Assistance	26,031.75	26,062.40	30.65
Soldier's Relief	1,764.29	2,500.00	735.71
Library	2,997.89	3,000.00	2.11
Athletic Field	99.94	125.00	25.06
Town Reports	612.00	700.00	88.00
Bonds and Damage	164.00	400.00	236.00
Cemeteries	800.55	851.00	50.45
Interest	337.50	400.00	62.50
Unexpended Balance to Revenue			\$ 3,702.39
Selectmen	600.00	600.00	
Selectmen (Expense Account)	102.36	102.36	
Tax Collector	500.00	500.00	
Tax Collector (Expense Account)	150.00	150.00	
Treasurer	600.00	600.00	
Assessor's Typewriter	131.45	131.45	
Assessors and Clerk	1,250.00	1,250.00	
Assessors & Clerk (Expense Acct.)	140.44	140.00	
Water Holes	125.00	125.00	
Constable Pay	255.72	255.72	

	Payments	Appropriations	Balance
Inspection of Animals	128.18	128.18	
Community Nurse	1,550.00	1,550.00	
Health	408.36	408.36	
Highways Chapter 90	4,000.04	4,000.04	
Street Lights	2,971.56	2,971.56	
Warkick Ave. Drain	500.00	500.00	
Parking Lot	400.00	400.00	
Road Machinery Fund	2,116.73	2,116.73	
Public Welfare Clerk	150.00	150.00	
Schools	44,768.34	44,768.34	
School Committee	150.0	150.00	
Belcher Center School Fund	52.20	52.20	
Northfield Farms Library	50.00	50.00	
Alexander Hall	161.09	161.09	
Memorial Day	186.15	186.15	
Town Clock and Fountain	247.50	247.50	
West Northfield Cemetery Fence	300.00	300.00	
U. S. Bond, Income	654.53	654.53	
School Debt	4,500.00	4,500.00	
Planting and Care of Treec		121.34	121.34
Sidewalk Construction	946.40	1,000.00	53.60
Machinery Account	2,165.00		
Sanding Machine		565.00	365.00
A.D.C. (U.S. Grant)	1,022.36	1,029.01	6.65
A.D.C. (U.S. Grant) Adms.	5.00	8.00	3.00
O.A.A. (U.S. Grant) Administrator	332.96	709.74	376.78
O.A.A. (U.S. Grant)	13,857.37	13,926.27	68.90
George F. Morgan Fund		106.73	106.73
Elisha Alexander Fund	50.00	161.76	111.76
School Fence		850.00	850.00
School No. 4 (Auxiliary Lighting)		250.00	250.00
Library Trust Funds	197.69	197.72	.03
C. P. Dickinson Book Fund	46.18	60.49	14.31
Alexander Hall (Auxiliary Lighting)		250.00	250.00
Town Survey Committee		50.00	50.00
Cemetery Trust Fund	286.86	473.74	186.88
Calvin Stearns Cemetery Lot	10.05	20.05	10.00
West Northfield Cemetery	231.55	474.66	243.11
Unexpended Balance to 1947			\$ 3,068.09
Community Nurse (Expense Account)	19.52	50.00	30.48
Reserve Fund	1,000.71	2,000.00	999.24
Unexpended Balance to Overlay Reserve			\$ 1,029.72
Truck Exchange	1,351.67	1,500.00	
Unexpended Balance to Machinery Account			\$ 148.33

### Additional Payments

Collector's Costs	39.60
Unpaid Bill of 1945	2.86
State Tax	1,550.00
State Tax, Parks & Reservations	121.29
State Tax Audit	505.55
County Tax	5,440.98
Veterans Rehabilitation	615.60
Investment Funds	1,150.00
Dog Licenses	479.80
Withholding Tax	3,081.10
Refund Tax, Poll	4.00
Refund Tax	17.10
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	10.43

Total Cash Payments	\$174,869.08
Cash on Hand Dec. 31, 1946	44,206.33

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\$219,075.41

# TOWN OF NORTHFIELD

## Balance Sheet — December 31, 1946

### GENERAL ACCOUNTS

ASSETS		LIABILITIES AND RESERVES	
Cash,	\$44,206.53	Withholding Tax-Payroll Deductions,	\$ 291.80
Accounts Receivable:		Dog Licenses—Due County,	9.00
Taxes:		Tax Title Sale Excess 1943—	
Levy of 1945,	\$ 4,008.40	Section 79, Chapter 60,	25.44
Levy of 1946,	10,770.14	Tax Collector's Costs,	51.90
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Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes:		Trust Fund Income:	
Levy of 1946,		George F. Morgan Charity Fund, \$106.93	
Timber Salvage Taxes:	352.51	Elisha Alexander Charity Fund, 111.75	
Levy of 1940,	\$ 1,109.33	Belcher Library Fund, .03	
Levy of 1941,	1,239.84	Dickinson Library Book Fund, 14.31	
Levy of 1942,	1,239.84	Calvin Stearns Cemetery Fund, 10.00	
	<hr/>	Mary Callender Cemetery Fund, 173.00	
Tax Titles,	3,589.01	West Northfield Cemetery Fund, 241.43	
Departmental:	620.29	Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds, 15.56	
Aid to Dependent Children, \$	569.63		<hr/>
Old Age Assistance,	95.66	Sale of Cemetery Lots Fund,	1,965.62
Snow Removal,	385.34	Sale of Real Estate Fund,	1,260.00
Schools,	86.80	Road Machinery Fund,	9,708.44
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	1,137.43		



# Federal Grants:

Old Age Assistance:	\$100.45
Assistance,	
Administration,	376.78
Aid to Dependent Children:	
Assistance,	6.65
Administration,	3.00
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	486.88
Tailings,	
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	20.33

## Unexpended Balances:

Planting and Care of Trees,	\$121.34
Sidewalk Construction,	53.60
Sanding Machine,	365.00
School Fence,	850.00
Auxiliary Light-School No. 4	250.00
Auxiliary Light-Alexander Hall,	250.00
War Memorial Survey Committee,	50.00
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	1,939.94
Reserve Fund-Overlay Surplus,	
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	2,468.57

## Overlay Reserved for Abatements:

Levy of 1945,	\$1,410.95
Levy of 1946,	1,757.22
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	3,168.17

## Aid to Highways:

State,	\$ 1,390.18
County,	1,000.00
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	2,390.18

## Underestimate 1946:

State Parks and Reservations	
Tax,	\$ 45.49
County Tax,	111.21
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	156.71

# Revenue Reserved Until Collected:

Motor Vehicle Excise Tax,	\$ 352.51
Timber Salvage,	3,589.01
Tax Title,	620.29
Departmental,	1,137.43
State and County Aid to Highways,	2,390.18
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Surplus Revenue,	8,089.42
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	37,072.67
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	\$67,231.20

## DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt,	\$18,000.00	New School Building Loan,	\$18,000.00
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## TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Trust and Investment Funds,		Elisha Alexander Charity Fund,	\$ 2,020.00
Cash and Securities:		Martha W. Alexander Charity Fund,	8,815.94
In Custody of Treasurer,	\$53,368.81	Lottie Evans Charity Fund,	740.52
In Custody of Selectmen,	2,323.00	George Morgan Charity Fund,	3,000.00
In Custody of Trustees,	8,815.94	Surplus Revenue School Fund,	1,600.00

Belcher Center School Fund,	1,250.00
Belcher Library Fund,	9,739.01
Charles Dickinson Library Book Fund,	3,000.00
James W. Cowles Cemetery Fund,	2,000.00
Belcher Center Cemetery Fund,	2,000.00
Calvin Stearns Cemetery Fund,	500.00
Mary Callender Cemetery Fund,	500.00
West Northfield Cemetery Fund,	7,670.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds:	
In Custody of Treasurer,	10,714.75
In Custody of Selectmen,	303.00
Post-War Rehabilitation Fund,	10,654.53
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	\$64,507.75

REPORT OF THE  
**School Committee**

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ORGANIZED FOR YEAR 1946

Sidney H. Given, Chairman	Term Expires 1949
Lillian G. Wells, Secretary	Term Expires 1948
Irving J. Lawrence	Term Expires 1947

MEETINGS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The regular meetings of the School Committee are held on the third Saturday of each month, except July and August, at 10:00 P. M. at the Superintendent's Office.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Robert N. Taylor, B.Ch.E.; M.Ed.  
Office, Center School, Tel. 757

SCHOOL SECRETARY

Helen L. Deans

OFFICE HOURS

School Days, 8:30 A.M. to 4 P.M.  
School Vacations, 9 A.M. to 4 P.M.

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

F. Wilton Dean, M.D.

SCHOOL NURSE

Natalie J. Gowen, R.N.

SCHOOL CALENDAR 1947-1948

Schools Opened December 30, 1946	Close February 21, 1947
Schools Open March 3, 1947	Close April 18, 1947
Schools Open April 28, 1947	Close June 20, 1947
Schools Open September 3, 1947	Close December 19, 1947
Schools Open January 5, 1948	Close February 13, 1948
Schools Open February 23, 1948	Close April 16, 1948
Schools Open April 26, 1948	Close June 18, 1948

Elementary School Closes One Week Earlier in June.

REPORT OF THE  
**School Superintendent**

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To the School Committee and Citizens of Northfield:

I present herewith my sixth annual report on the public schools for the calendar year, 1946. This is the 210th report on public education in the Town of Northfield.

Considering the hectic economic state of affairs that has existed during the current year I feel that we have done well to accomplish most of the tasks set for our department last January 1st. Shortages of paper and metal have prevented us making some purchases that are badly needed. However, emergencies have arisen and we have been able to care for them by using these funds. We have been hardest hit by the acute shortage of textbooks where class expansions and replacements were necessary and by the dearth of teaching candidates to fill our vacancies. The solution to the latter problem came by making higher financial inducements, thus attracting qualified applicants.

Due to the presence of poliomyelitis in Northfield the opening of schools in September was delayed two weeks by order of the local Board of Health. Part of the time lost was made up by cutting one week from the Christmas vacation, and the rest is being adjusted where convenient.

**Teacher Changes**

At the close of schools in June the following teachers left our school system.

Miss Arlene French—to accept a position in Wilmington, Vermont.

Mrs. George Sheldon—to return to home duties.

Mrs. George Leonard—to return to home duties.

Mrs. Paul Mayberry—to return to home duties.

Miss Betty Southwick—to accept a similar position in Woodstock, Connecticut.

Miss Mary Smyth—to leave the commercial field.



The following appointments were made:

Mr. M. Carleton Brown, a graduate of Bay Path Institute, to teach commercial subjects. Mr. Brown has had a wide experience in high schools in Connecticut and Maine.

Mr. Harold McLean, a graduate of Mass. State College, Class of '42, to teach social studies in the High and Center Schools. He will also coach the high school sports and help with the Center School physical education program.

Mrs. Eva Findlay, a graduate of Farmington Normal School, and with 20 years experience in New York and Maine Schools, teaches Home Economics and is director of the School Lunch Room.

Miss Ruth Sullivan, a graduate of Mercyhurst College, with a B.S. Degree, is teaching Science, Music, Spelling, and Literature in Grades 6, 7, 8.

Mrs. Virginia Haack, a graduate of Stevens Normal Institute with experience in Hoboken, N. J. Schools to the Grade II position.

Mrs. Ruth Stebbins, a former Northfield teacher, to the position of Music Supervisor.

### Repairs

The buildings and furnishings are in good repair. The greater part of our expenditure during the year was for re-conversion necessitated by the demands of governmental war agencies.

#### Center School:

Calked lower rows of slate to prevent leakage caused by ice dams.

Built snow guards over North and South entrances.

Reconverted from coal stoker to our oil burner.

Replaced the board walk between the buildings with a permanent concrete walk.

Refinished surfaces of 75 desks.

Replaced all valves on heating system.

Rebuilt return pump.

#### High School:

Scraped and painted fire escape.

Repainted all ventilators and metal work on roof.

Refinished all tablet arm-chairs.

Refinished all tables in commercial room.

Some extension drain work on our cesspool was also necessary to carry off surplus water that was spoiling the athletic field. Considerable tree trimming and the removal of one dangerous tree was necessary. The large maple in front of the high school was removed by the State as it had reached a condition which raised the question of safety of pupils in the yard.

The temporary coal bin which was on the front lawn during the war emergency has been removed to the back of the athletic field where it will be converted into a field house for storing the mowing machine, tools and baseball equipment.

### Center School

The Center School is a very comfortable and quite adequate school building. Like all new buildings public or private after a period of use certain inconveniences are found. However to condemn a building because of them would be unfair to say the least.

The building has been in use five years. Two school committees and 10 Superintendents of Schools from other communities have inspected the building and opinion expressed was unanimous that it is comfortable, well heated, attractively colored and adequately functional for a modern educational program.

Temperature charts are kept during school hours in the winter months. In February, our coldest month, the lowest temperature recorded was 66° 15 minutes before the opening of school. This temperature reading was normal (68-72) by the time school opened. In the downstairs rooms the automatic ventilators are overhead. During the transfer from hot to cold by the thermostat on windy or extremely cold days we get for a few minutes a cold fair draft that falls on the two front rows. By running the motor at the lowest speed it is not uncomfortable at the temperature kept in the building.

A justified criticism of the school is the lack of adequate storage space and of conference and utility rooms. The class rooms were constructed to seat 30 pupils and are not large enough for the classes of 35-40 we now have. It is unfortunate that a gymnasium-auditorium was not included in the building since the uses to which such a room could be put are recognized as necessary parts of a school program.

### **First Grade Hours**

The School Committee, at the request of a petition group who felt that the first grade day was too long, examined the possibilities of shortening the school day for that grade. After studying various plans and investigating added transportation needs the committee, following a special town meeting at which funds were made available, voted to close at 1:30 P. M. instead of the usual 2:00 P. M.

It was found impossible to retain the full first grade program as originally planned. Items now omitted include weekly visual education, participation in school assemblies, and group activities involving social development. Class instructional time has not been materially shortened. This was made possible by cutting the noon hour to forty-five minutes and omitting the afternoon recess.

The School Committee has instituted this reorganization of the schedule as an experiment and will observe carefully the educational and social development of the pupils.

### **Need For Scholarships**

At graduation it is quite customary to award one or more scholarships to worthy members of the graduating class. This sometimes makes it possible for a deserving student to attend college who would not otherwise be able to do so. It is unfortunate that no such awards have been possible in our town and many of our deserving students are unable to continue with higher education. What better memorial could one establish than to set up a fund for help to one of our citizens who could later return to the community and return ten fold in public service?

### **Evening School**

The School Committee granted use of the high school commercial equipment and rooms for an evening school in typewriting and shorthand at the request of a group of citizens. The classes meet twice weekly for two hours and have been well attended. The instructor reports that the adult students are industrious and make more rapid progress than is usually made by day school students.

The instructor's fee is paid by the students. They buy their own books and the only expense to the town is for heat and light. This program fits in with the modern philosophy of making the schools useful to as many citizens as possible.



## High School Classification

High Schools in the State of Massachusetts are classified according to the adequacy of the program offered and to the general condition of the school plant. Northfield High School has been a Class "A" school for many years.

The State Department of Education is now working with school administrators to revise the rules dealing with the classification system. The proposals are placing great stress on breadth of the curriculum, opportunity for vocational training, stability of personnel, and the presence of adequate auxiliary facilities, i.e. gymnasium, auditorium, library, cafeteria, student activity rooms, laboratories, and offices.

It seems almost certain that the Northfield High School will be dropped to a "B" rating because of the inadequacy of the plant. We have the cafeteria, a start toward a school library, and our science and home economics laboratories are adequate for our present needs. However, we have no facilities whatever in the present plant for physical education, no shop for those pupils who need the training derived from handwork and no suitable auditorium where the pupils may meet easily and readily to rehearse and prepare on a proper stage the program that are always part of a modern school curriculum. Unless Northfield builds and equips for its high school a modern combination gymnasium-auditorium there is every expectancy that the school's rating will be dropped to a "B" grade.

## High School Discipline

There has been a marked improvement in the attitude and conduct of the high school student body during the current school year. A building such as ours with classrooms on three floors, with the toilets in the basement and the office of the principal on the third floor is not easy to administer particularly when the Principal was the only male teacher in the building.

Recognizing the difficulties involved the School Committee after considerable thought decided that a change in the composition of the staff, so that at least two men were in the building, might eliminate many of the troublesome features. This has proved to be the case and it is hoped the practice of having two or more men on the staff may be continued.

## Test Results

				Northfield Medians		
Test				Std. Med.	1945	1946
Grade I	Metropolitan Achievement	Form A		1.8	2.0	1.9
Grade II	" "	Form A		2.8	2.9	3.0
Grade III	" "	Form D		3.8	3.8	3.6
Grade IV	" "	" "		4.8	5.0	5.1
Grade V	" "	" "		5.8	5.9	5.4
Grade VI	" "	" "		6.8	6.6	6.6
Grade VII	" "	" "		7.8	7.8	7.9
Grade VIII	" "	" "		8.8	8.8	8.7
Algebra I	Columbia Research Bureau			16	22	30
Latin I	New York Latin Achievement			132	91	57
American History	Col. Research Bureau			81	88	56
Chemistry	Powers General Chemistry			36	—	34
Biology	Ruch-Cossmann			40	43	39
General Science	Ruch-Popenoe			35.5	—	38
Civics	Brown-Woody			98	—	98
English:						
Grade 9	Barrett-Ryan-Schrammel			88	71	80
Grade 10	" " "			96	80	78
Grade 11	" " "			103	88	86
Grade 12	" " "			106	103	96
Spanish I	American Council Alpha					
	Vocabulary			28.2	—	35
	Grammar			13.1	—	15

Tests were also given in Shorthand and Bookkeeping but the content of our courses was such that reasonable comparison could not be made.

## Physical Education Program

Chapter 71, Section 3, of the School Laws makes it mandatory that all pupils in the public schools be given 2 hours per week of supervised physical education.

The Northfield School system has endeavored to meet this requirement as fully as was possible with the limited facilities available. From September to December and from March to June full and complete use of our splendid baseball diamonds has been possible. These have been laid out so that 90 pupils can play at one time during regularly assigned periods. The high school touch football team has made an enviable record during the two years that this activity has been organized. The girls have taken a renewed interest in volley-ball which is proving to be a good fall game. The spring baseball and softball schedules of the high



school have kept the playground a busy place. Only during the winter months and during inclement weather has our program been curtailed. Ours is a modern school with a modern program which could be made complete by the addition of a gymnasium.

### **Vocational Education**

Twelve day students now attend Greenfield Vocational School each supplying his own transportation. A renewed interest in evening vocational schooling has been shown since the organization of the following courses in Greenfield.

Trade Extension Courses	150 hours
Apprenticeship Courses	150 hours
Trade Preparation Courses	126 hours

The cost of evening work is 20c per hour and one half is reimbursed which is the same rate of reimbursement as the day work. Eleven men are now enrolled in plumbing, painting, carpentry, auto mechanics and machine courses. Vocational education in Northfield is under legislative mandate and local authorities supply only supervisory control.

### **Teacher Salary Adjustment**

The lowest elementary teachers salary median reported for the state of Massachusetts for the school year 1945-6 was Northfield. There were only seven high schools in the state that had lower high school salary medians during the same period. New teachers hired during the summer could only be obtained by paying higher salaries than those paid to teachers who signed contracts in April.

To remedy these madadjustments the School Committee, after granting a hearing to a Northfield Teachers' Club Committee petition group, awarded blanket increases of \$500 to all teachers in the system retroactive to September 1946, after funds have been made available at the annual town meeting. When compared to salaries and wages paid tradesmen in the community and to compensate for the rapid rise in living costs after the repeal of government price controls the action of the School Committee was absolutely necessary. It is hoped the citizens will sanction this action by the Committee and appreciate sufficient funds to do this.

## Census Report

The annual census of children in town between the ages of 5 and 16 was taken as of October 1, 1946, as required by law.

	Boys	Girls	Total
Between ages 5-7	26	27	53
Between 7-16	138	147	285
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Total	164	174	338

### Enrolment by Grades, October 1, 1946

Grades	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total
Boys	14	17	17	25	13	19	13	8	11	7	7	4	155
Girls	7	16	14	13	23	21	20	21	9	8	12	7	171
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Totals	21	33	31	38	36	40	33	29	20	15	19	11	326

## Resident

### Enrolment by Schools

	Boys	Girls
Center School	126	136
High School	29	36
Greenfield Voc. School	12	0
Greenfield Even. Voc. School	11	0
At Mount Hermon	22	0
Northfield School For Girls	0	16
At Stoneleigh-Prospect	0	2
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Total	200	189

## Financial

It was necessary to ask for a transfer of \$250.34 from the contingency fund to meet the obligations of the department in December. Vocational school enrolment increased beyond expectation so that the amount needed for this item was \$388.22 more than the budget assignment.

A legislative directive now makes it mandatory that the town place on the ballot the equal pay for equal work referendum. If the town accepts the bill men and women teachers must be paid the same salary if they do the same work. It is not permissible to cut the salaries of men so that it is the salaries of the women teachers that would have to be adjusted. However, the adjustments that have been made by the School Committee to a large degree correct the situation in Northfield. A special

article to supply funds for the teacher salary adjustment noted above will be necessary to pay salaries retroactive to September, 1946.

The amount needed to run the schools at the present level of efficiency for 1947 is \$58,100.00. Teacher salary increases, transportation expansion and vocational tuition have increased the amount needed by \$12,500 while approximately \$1000 more is needed to cover increased costs in the other items of the department .

## SCHOOL ORGANIZATION

### High School

Name	Subject or Grade	Where Educated
Chester R. Parker	Principal	Bates College, A.B.
	Mathematics	*Boston University
	Civics	
	Consumer Education	
Evelyn G. Lawley	Assistant Principal	Smith College, A.M.
	Mathematics	*Massachusetts State College
	Pre-Flight	*Boston University
	Latin	
Nellie W. Dearstyne	Spanish	American International
	English	College, B.A.
Eva L. Findlay	Home Economics	Northfield School For Girl
	English I	Farmington Normal School
Harold H. McLean	Social Studies	Massachusetts State
	Biology	College, B.S.
	Physical Education	
M. Carleton Brown	Commercial	Bay Path Institute
		*Northeastern, University Evening School

### Center School

George M. Leonard	Principal	Bridgewater State Teachers'
	Science	College, B.S.
Dorothy O. Totman	Mathematics	*Boston University
	Assistant Principal	Fitchburg Normal
Ruth W. Bolton	Grade 4	*University Extension
	Grade 1	Fitchburg Normal
Virginia S. Haack	Grade 2	Stevens Normal Institute
Mary E. Dalton	Grade 3	*Massachusetts State College
		*Hyannis Normal
		*University Extension
Evelyn H. Parker	Grade 5	*Northfield Seminary
		Fitchburg Normal

Elizabeth G. Braley	English, Gr. 6, 7, 8	Northfield Seminary *North Adams Normal *Castleton Normal *Hyannis Normal *Fitchburg Normal *University Extension
Ruth E. Sullivan	Grade 7	Mercuryhurst College, A.B.
Ruth R. Stebbins	Music Supervisor	Lowell State Teachers' College, B.S.E.

\*Attended without graduating.

**School Custodians**

Leo Fortier	Edward Fortier, Part-time Assistant
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### In Conclusion

In December the Commissioner of Education, at the invitation of the school committee, sent two members of its staff to survey our present educational program, Miss Alice Beal, Director of Elementary Education, to study our elementary school and Mr. Daniel Kelly, Director of Physical Education, to study our physical education program in both schools. A third member, Mr. Daniel Shay, is to examine the need for general vocational education.

The report of this survey will be presented by the School Committee to the special survey committee when it is received. It is hoped that the survey committee will examine and consider the contents carefully so that its report to the town will contain an expression of expert opinion on the highly specialized problems of public education. There is no doubt that further improvements in the educational system are warranted. It only remains for the citizens of Northfield to recognize the need, and public opinion will provide the action necessary to make the improvements.

The reports of the nurse, physician and school principals are included. They are accurate and indicative of good work in their respective departments.

To this staff members who have been so willing to execute cheerfully and helpfully the many problems we face together I am grateful. To the School Committee members who have been so democratically correct in formulating policies on behalf of the staff I pay my respects.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT N. TAYLOR

Superintendent of Schools



## SCHOOL DEPARTMENT FINANCIAL REPORT

### Appropriations

For general school expenses	\$ 44,346.00
For special 1st grade trans.	172.00

Total funds available		\$ 44,518.00
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### Expenditures

	Expended	Recom'd 1947
Administration:		
Supt. Robert N. Taylor, Salary	\$ 1,425.00	\$ 1,560.00
Travel	45.00	50.00
Out of State		35.00
Clerk	357.00	462.00
Medical: Physician	150.00	150.00
Nurse	250.00	350.00
Teachers' Salaries	22,518.00	32,580.00
Janitors' Salaries	2,342.72	2,535.00
Supervisors' Salaries	800.00	850.00
Transportation	8,344.00	10,162.00
Supplies: Student	811.10	770.00
Domestic Science	52.16	100.00
Janitor	310.13	350.00
Textbooks	476.25	500.00
Tuition, Vocational	1,813.22	1,940.00
Water and Current	813.26	850.00
Fuel	1,698.08	2,950.00
Repairs and Outlay	1,829.35	450.00
New Equipment	145.60	995.00
Sundry Educational Expense	586.97	450.00
	\$44,768.34	\$58,089.00

(Overdraft \$250.34 transferred from contingency fund)

### Net Cost of Schools 1946

Expenditures 1946	\$ 44,768.34
State of Massachusetts reimbursements	
School Fund, Part I	\$ 2,680.00
School Fund, Part II	6,316.14
Vocational Tuition	297.56
State Wards; Tuition and Trans.	
1945	465.18
1946	375.20
Supt's. Salary and Travel	676.67
	\$ 10,810.75



Other receipts:

Refunds	\$ 14.40
Telephone	.80
Lost book	1.66
Tuition, Vernon, Vt.	60.00
Tuition, James Gillespie	80.00

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\$ 156.86

Total Receipts \$ 10,967.61

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Net Cost of Education 1946 \$ 33,800.73

## Financial Report Center School Lunch Room

### January-December 1946

DOROTHY O. TOTMAN, Treasurer

Balance for 1945 \$ 51.89

Receipts:

Lunches	\$ 3,756.63	
Federal Government	3,679.47	
Interest	.29	
Health Council	21.22	
Transferred from Reserve Equip. Fund	50.00	
		<hr/> 7,507.61
		<hr/> \$ 7,559.50

Expenses:

Groceries	\$ 5,849.44	
Workers	1,486.56	
Equipment	141.32	
Postage, Express & Service Charges	29.76	
		<hr/> 7,507.08
Cash Balance January 1, 1947	\$ 52.42	
Lunches Served	38,835	
Milk Served	37,864	

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## Report of the Auditor

To Robert N. Taylor, Superintendent of Schools:

This is to certify that I have made an audit of the records of the Center School Lunch Room for the year 1946.

I have gone over all the bills and find the report is well set up, concise and accurate.

A recapitulation of the ten monthly statements shows at a glance the receipts and disbursements covering the year and that there was a balance on hand of \$52.42 at January 1, 1947. However, I find there is due from the Government—

November check for	\$371.62
December check for	333.06
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	\$704.68

I also find there are Accounts Payable as follows:

Tenney Farms, Inc.,	\$748.30 due Dec. 20th
Alfred L. Morlock	52.38 due Dec. 31st
A. A. Knights & Son Corporation	13.07 due Dec. 31st
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	\$813.75

Sincerely yours,

LOUIS M. POTTS, Auditor

REPORT OF THE  
**Elementary School Principal**

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To Mr. Taylor and Members of the School Committee:

I herewith submit a report of the activities of the Northfield Center School for the year 1946.

The past year has again been a successful one. Our building is in fine shape and shows but little evidence of over five years of use. This is due to the fine cooperation of the teachers and pupils. The janitors are to be congratulated on keeping the building clean and comfortable. The pupils are to be congratulated for their civic pride in taking good care of their building. The teachers are to be congratulated for instilling in their pupils a sense of pride in the school.

Metropolitan Achievement Tests given by Mrs. Bolton in the first grade and by me in the rest of the grades in May indicated that most of the grades made a full year's progress during the school year 1945-1946. Geography again proved to be a weak subject. This is probably due to the fact that geography and history are not taught as separate subjects but as social studies. A return to the teaching of these as separate subjects is advocated for another year. Intelligence tests were given to the seventh and eighth grades in September.

During the 1945-1946 school year, rhythm band instruments were purchased by Mrs. Leonard for use in the lower grades. These were used extensively in teaching the pupils to keep time, learn rhythm, and be able to express themselves musically with instrumental aids. A demonstration of their use was given at the Town Hall during Music Week. Many phonograph records were also purchased to be used for music appreciation purposes. The children were taught to recognize various instruments and to appreciate the work of the best known composers. Records also help to create an interest in instrumental music.

Our schools have never provided enough incentive for pupils to gain an instrumental musical education. Orchestras and bands are an important part of many school systems. Northfield's pupils are as capable of playing musical instruments as are the students of other schools. This has been realized by the teachers of music and the music supervisors of our school for a number

of years. During the war, due to a lack of instruments, nothing could be done. Now that more instruments are available, attempts are being made to locate teachers so that a plan for instructing those interested in playing any musical instrument can be worked out.

A successful exhibition of school work was held on May 2. Many parents and friends visited the school to inspect the work of the children in the various grades. More parents are urged to view these annual exhibitions so that they may visit with the teachers and inspect the work of their children as well as that of others.

The girls of grades seven and eight are enjoying a very valuable and practical course in home economics under the able direction of Mrs. Findlay. The fundamentals of sewing are taught and these are applied to the making of aprons, dresses, and other practical materials. The latter half of the year will be devoted to instruction in foods. Mr. McLean has been instructing the boys in physical education while the girls were having home economics.

The lunchroom is enjoying its most successful year. Around 250 lunches are served each day. Greater variety in lunches has been the feature this year. Again Mrs. Findlay's experience and ability has been noteworthy.

Excellent use has been made of the money made available for visual education. Movies have been selected that best fit into the educational needs of our school. Movies have been rented that have been especially prepared for classroom use. Separate movies have been selected for the lower grades. Teachers prepare the pupils for the movies and follow up the pictures with discussions and exercises.

The report cards which were used last year were reorganized, improved, and supplemented this year. We now have a report card that seems to fit the needs of our local situation quite completely. A new feature of this year's report card is a page provided for written notes from teachers to parents or parents to teachers.

My program is so arranged that I have approximately one hour each day for administrative and supervisory duties. This time is usually spent in visiting rooms, inspecting the building, caring for discipline problems, writing letters, conferring with teachers, supervisors, students, etc., and other routine affairs. Conferences are held with teachers concerning methods and



classroom procedures. Teachers' meetings are conducted once each month to discuss plans and routine school procedures.

Pupils leaving our school to enter either of the two private schools are doing generally good work and, in some instances, outstanding work. We believe that the pupils of Northfield Center School are getting a good foundation upon which to build their future education. We know and realize that there are some weaknesses to our system. These can be remedied by additional facilities and a reorganization of the curriculum.

New arithmetic books are added to the fifth and sixth grades. The former books have been used for six years and were in quite poor condition. The new books were selected by the teachers in preference to several sets that were available. The organization of the new book is such that it should bring better results in arithmetic.

During the past year, we have continued to sell Postal Savings Stamps and Bonds. We believe this gives the pupils an opportunity to save money and takes the place of savings banks in larger communities. We are one of very few schools in this area which is carrying on this worthwhile war-time practice. Some pupils make a practice of regular purchases of stamps.

Photographs were taken of all pupils last spring. These and class albums were readily purchased by pupils and parents. The school received a return of 10% commission, and nearly \$25.00 was realized. Small photographs were given to the school department to be placed on the permanent record cards.

Four teeter boards were purchased in the fall with the interest accumulated from the Belcher Center School Fund plus a few dollars from the school's general fund. These teeter boards will be erected in the spring..

Due to a complete lack of facilities for conducting general assemblies, only a few such assemblies are conducted each year and these are conducted at the town hall. The school committee and citizens of Northfield should be aware that such facilities were not provided when the present building was planned and erected. They should also realize that general assemblies and programs are an important part of a school's curriculum. Children need to have experineces in performing before and with large groups. This should be considered by each and every parent and citizen when the question of further construction is presented.



Rental of projector	2.00	
Sale of waste paper	.60	
Unclaimed money	5.97	
Commission on seeds	38.70	
Commission on photographs	24.95	
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Total Assets	\$ 112.19	\$ 112.19

### Expenditures

Teeter boards	\$ 5.30	
Transportation of films	28.56	
Rental of films	15.20	
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	\$ 49.06	49.06

Balance January 1, 1947	\$ 63.13
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### Tent Caterpillar Contest Prizes

Donations	\$21.00
Prizes awarded April 1946	9.69

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1947	\$11.31
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During the present school year, the P.T.A. has again gone out of existence. This has removed the one and only organization linking the home and school. Your school can not function at its best unless there is a very close cooperation between these two institutions. This is a problem of every parent. There has always been a great gap between home and school in our town. This gap can not be bridged unless parents will visit the school, see and understand the problems of the pupils, teachers and school and then work with the school and its authorities in improving undesirable situations. An organization that will bring about a closer cooperation between school and home is essential—now.

In conclusion may I thank Mr. Taylor, members of the school committee, the teachers, Miss Gowen, parents and pupils who have assisted me in any way during the past year in making my work more effective.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE M. LEONARD, Principal.

### NORTHFIELD CENTER SCHOOL—GENERAL FUND

#### Assets

Balance on hand January 1, 1946	\$ 39.97
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REPORT OF THE  
**High School Principal**

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Mr. Robert N. Taylor, Superintendent of Schools  
Northfield, Massachusetts

I herewith submit my third annual report as principal of Northfield High School.

School opened September 16, 1946, with an enrollment of 69 pupils. The enrollment was divided as follows: Seniors 11; Juniors 21; Sophomores 16; Freshmen 21.

The faculty has spent considerable time this past year working in groups revising the contents of the courses offered and adapting them to the needs of our Northfield students. This will make them more practical, more valuable and more interesting.

Two new courses have been added this year, a third year of Home Economics and Home Nursing. This means that students can now start this very practical study in the seventh grade and continue it through three years of high school. The Home Nursing is offered for the girls. This course alternates with First Aid which was offered and taken by almost the entire school last year. This fills the needs of the girls nicely but still leaves the boys with no vocational course.

This year we did not offer Physics as there were not sufficient students interested to warrant it. The State Department will not approve the assigning of a teacher to a class of five or less. However, when a course is omitted for this reason, care is taken that any student who needs the course to fulfill a college entrance requirement is provided for either through an extension course or by some other means.

The physical education program is much the same as last year. The boys won the Border League Baseball Championship and placed second in the Small School Baseball Tournament and were undefeated except for one Tournament game. The girls won the Border League Softball Championship and won the

only game they played with a team outside the league, Greenfield. This Fall the boys placed second in the Border League touch football and the girls third in volley-ball.

Both the girls and the boys have become very interested in basketball. Last winter they played informal games at Bernardston and they hope to do more this year.

One of the most improved school activities has been the school paper. The writing is done largely in the English Classes, the stencils and mimeographing in the Commercial Classes, and they have even done some art work—something not previously done in the high school.

The Senior Class trip to Washington last Spring was far superior to the previous trips to New York and far more valuable to the students. This year's Senior Class plans to take the same trip and include the Shenendoah Valley and Caverns and Gettysburg. Thanks to the fine support of the townspeople at their food sales, the auction and the Senior Play the class will be able to pay the entire expense of the trip from their treasury.

This winter the Activity Period will be utilized more fully than ever before. It is planned to use one period a week for group guidance, one period for group music, one period for class activities, one period for clubs, and one period for assemblies and movies. There has long been a need for a better organized program of guidance and it is hoped to partially meet this need through group guidance.

Among the needs of the school are:

1. A winter physical education program. This cannot be realized until the school has a gymnasium.

2. Vocational courses for the boys—manual training and/or other shop or agricultural work.

3. Better school library facilities.—Especially reference books. The present library consists of 211 books, of which the "Illustrious Life of William McKinley," "Our Martyred President" and "Bryant's Popular History of the United States" in four volumes (1881) are typical.

4. Automatic heat controls on the ventilators so that an even temperature can be maintained in each room.

5. A division of the Commercial room so that typing students can work without disturbing other commercial classes.

In conclusion I wish to thank the teachers who have spent so much extra time in meetings revising the Curriculum and other school activities and you, Mr. Taylor and the School Committee for your help and interest in our work at the high school.

Respectfully submitted,

CHESTER R. PARKER, Principal

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### Northfield High School—School Fund

	Receipts	Expenditures	Balance
Class of 1947	\$ 831.42	\$ 99.92	\$ 731.50
Class of 1948	89.08		89.08
Class of 1949	50.50		50.50
Glee Club	254.48	20.90	233.58
Students Activities	709.98	462.71	247.27
Press Club	6.00	1.25	4.75
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	\$1,941.46	\$ 584.78	\$1,356.68



REPORT OF

## School Physician

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To Superintendent of Schools and School Committee:

The year 1946 has been marked in the schools by an unusual amount of contagious disease. In the spring we had an epidemic of mumps that spread to practically every child that had not already had the mumps. Whereas such an epidemic is common at intervals in a town such as ours, and since because so many children have now had the disease we now need have no fear of another epidemic of mumps for some years, we shouldn't feel too badly about it.

However, had we had complete cooperation on the part of the parents there need not have been such an epidemic. Children sent home with contagious diseases should not return to school until they have received a certificate from the school physician or their doctor stating that they are free from danger of contagion. I wish to commend the board of health for making this clear through legal notices in the papers. I wish to take this opportunity to beg the cooperation of the parents in the future and to remind them that this applies not only to the legally reportable diseases but to skin infections such as ringworm and impetigo, and to head lice.

The opening of the fall term of school was delayed by the appearance in town of two cases of poliomyelitis. The annual examination of the school children was carried out immediately after school opened this year in order to check on the physical condition of the children and be sure there was no contagious disease among them. None were found at that time though since then there have been a few cases of skin disease and head lice.

The general health of the pupils as found at the annual physical examination was found to be very good, there being less defects found of all kinds except teeth than last year. Defective teeth continue to be the major defect found, though



this year there was evidence of a lot of dental work having been done. A summary of defects found follow:

Defective teeth	61
Poor posture	17
Flat feet	17
Diseased tonsils	5
Overweight	5
Poor nutrition	3
Hernial tendency	8
Eye care needed	8

A diphtheria immunization clinic was held in November and December at which about 25 school and pre-school children were inoculated against diphtheria. For the first time in 14 years there have been several cases of diphtheria in the county, and any child who has not been inoculated should have it done at once by their family physician.

I wish to thank Mr. Taylor, Miss Gowen, and the teachers for their help and cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

F. WILTON DEAN, M.D.

School Physician

## REPORT OF THE

### School Nurse

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To the Superintendent of Schools and the School Committee of the Town of Northfield:

I herewith submit my second annual report as nurse of the public schools of Northfield, January 1, 1946 to January 1, 1947.

During the month of January 1946 I examined the eyes of the school body:

Tested	316
Poor eyes	14

The same work was done in December 1946 and the results were:

Tested	329
Poor eyes	16

Each student whose eyes were found to be defective in January has received the attention of an oculist. Follow up work is being done on the December findings.

Again this year the pupils of both the Center School and the High School have been given the audiometer test:

#### Center School:

Tested	245
Retested	19
Poor hearing	6

#### High School:

Tested	73
Retested	4
Poor hearing	3

At the beginning of the new school year I had placed in each room of the Center School a chart bearing each pupil's name and the causes for each of his or her absences. These charts are kept by the teacher and should, over a period of time, prove invaluable to both the nurse and the parent. It is hoped that these charts will furnish the needed information to help correct the high percentage of absence.

In my 1945 report I stated that the most common physical defect was teeth and made a plea for a dental clinic to be held one day each month at the school. Although the situation remains the same in that teeth are still the most common defect it is encouraging to me that much more work has been done on teeth than in the previous year.

In the spring a course of seven lessons was given to the girls of the High School Home Economics Class on Child Care and Development.

The following is a summary of the work of the school nurse:

Classrooms visited for group inspection	62
First aid	236
Advice	155
Weighing and measuring	894
Other inspections	64
Excluded	53
Readmitted	28
Physical Examinations	323
Transportation to Doctor or Dentist	34
Consultations with teachers	98
Health talks in classrooms	76
Conference with the Superintendent	18
Diphtheria Clinic	27
Home Visits:	
Health supervision	90
Communicable Disease	1

I want to thank Mr. Robert N. Taylor, Supt. of Schools, Dr. F. Wilton Dean and the teachers for the cooperation they have given me.

I would appreciate anyone having any criticism of the health condition of the public schools of Northfield interviewing me that I may try to rectify or help the condition.

I would once again like to state how much I have enjoyed my work in the schools.

Respectfully submitted,

NATALIE J. GOWEN

School Nurse

REPORT OF THE

**Town Clerk**

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1946

**VITAL STATISTICS**

It is extremely important that the Vital Statistics record be complete and correct. If any errors or omissions are discovered the Clerk will deem it a favor to have them reported at once so that corrections may be made.

As required by Chapter 46, Section 15, General Laws of Massachusetts:

Notice is hereby given that the Town Clerk will furnish blanks for returns of births to parents, householders, physicians, and registered hospital officers applying for the same.

**Dog Licenses Issued in 1946**

Male Dogs	129
Female (spayed)	70
Female	17
Special Kennel	5
Military	2
Total	223

**Sporting Licenses Issued in 1946**

Resident Fishing	95
Resident Hunting	103
Resident Sporting	144
Minor's and Women's Fishing	70
Resident Trapping	5
Special Non-resident Fishing	12
Non-Resident Minor Fishing	1
Non-Resident Fishing	17
Non-Resident Hunting	7
Duplicates	7
Non-Resident Military Sporting	3
Resident Citizen Sporting (free)	29
Resident Citizen Military (free)	8
Resident Citizen Old Age (free)	2
Total	503

## Jury List

Abbott, Robert D.	Hyde, Walter W.
Anderson, Frank W.	Jordan, Paul G.
Avery, Fred G.	Livernoise, Ralph S.
Bartus, Joseph J.	Martin, Leslie A.
Bistrek, Stanley T.	Miller, Carroll H.
Black, Julion O.	Miner, Herman A.
Bolton, Horace W.	Olds, Charles B.
Browning, Charles R., Jr.	Sheldon, Lee H.
Clough, Richard	Smith, Samuel H.
Dresser, James E.	Spaulding, Clarence H.
Eastman, Hubert J.	Szestowicki, Frank P.
Field, Joseph W.	Thompson, Paul B.
Fish, Roy J.	Webber, Louis A.
Given, Sidney H.	

## Births Recorded in 1946

Date	Name	Parents
1945		
Feb. 10	Gibson, George Leslie	Robert L. and Verna C.
Mar. 27	Currier, Mary Lou	William J. and Alice J.
May 15	Scott, Jerry Stuart	Alvin H. and Elizabeth A.
Aug. 15	Browning, Richard Louis	Homer F. Jr. and Ethel E.
Sept. 9	Carey, Thomas John	Forest L. and Katherine I.
Nov. 7	Williams, Richard R. 3rd.	Richard R. and Dorothy
Dec. 10	Reed, David Allen	Ralph H. and Doris K.
21	Walker, James Howard	William C. and Florence H.
1946		
Jan. 19	Stillborn	
Feb. 9	Sibley, Barbara Lynn	Merritt A. and Barbara M.
13	Gibson, Brenda Irene	Robert L. and Verna R.
Mar. 17	Eastman, Marcia Ann	Hubert J. and Genevieve B.
20	Anderson, James Albert	Albert J. and Hazel E.
Apr. 15	Tiel, Ronald Theodore	Edward P. and Lillian M.
18	Holloway, Dennis Berton	Lee W. and Alice
22	Hopkins, Eugene Guy	Ellis B. and Ida J.
30	Field, James Means	Horace F. and Katherine
May 13	Stevens, Charles Benjamin, 3rd	Charles B. Jr., and Roselda
June 6	Janes, Dennis Paul	Eben and Evangeline
11	Kirkland, John William, Jr.	John William and Elisabeth A.
14	LaBelle, David Allen	Alfred O. and Bernice
24	Rushlow, Charles Samuel Jr.	Charles S. and Yvonne E.



July	3	Matosky, Elizabeth Ann	Stephen P. and Tessie C.
	12	Chadwick, Frank Wentworth, Jr.	Frank W. and Eunice A.
	24	Currier, Thomas Joseph	William J. and Alice J.
		Currier, Theresa Ann	William J. and Alice J.
	26	LaFraniere, Frances Leona	Leonard F. and Pauline R.
	27	Fowler, Jonathon Lee	Norman F. and Ethel D.
Aug.	2	Morey, Darrel Allen	Willard A. and Charlotte G.
	3	Quinlan, Kevin Lawrence	Lawrence D. and Edna S.
	11	Tenney Mary Elizabeth	Edward V. and Katherine E.
	20	Mello, Teresa Maria	Asker C. and Maria E.
	25	Newton, Juanita Helene	Donald G. and Helen A.
	26	McCollum, Mary Ann	Robert H. and Helen P.
Sept.	2	Hartwell, Robert Henry, Jr.	Robert H. and Ruth E.
	7	Fleming, Linda Joy	Francis E. and Dorothy A.
Oct.	19	Kenney, Ransom Chester, 2nd	Ransom C. and Doris I.
	30	Zachmann, Gregory	Hans M. and Doris L.
Dec.	13	Couture, Christine Marie	Alvah C. and Anita G.
	30	Davis, Elizabeth Lottie	Louis F. and Elsie L.

### Marriages in 1946

Date	Names	Residence	Place of Marriage
Jan. 14	Ladzinski, Peter Edward, Jr.	Northfield, Mass.	Montague (Millers Falls) Mass.
	Hosmer, Jean Marion	Northfield, Mass.	
Feb. 15	Stratton, Frank	Northfield, Mass.	Leverett, Mass.
	Hillock, Hazel Etta	Leverett, Mass.	
	16 Murray, Ernest Glen	Northfield, Mass.	Charletown, N.H.
	Reed, Evelyn	Charlestown, N.H.	
	21 Brassor, Edmond W.	Northfield, Mass.	Brattleboro, Vt.
	Addison, Barbara Rose	Northfield, Mass.	
	26 Fletcher, John Higginson	Northfield, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
	Eddy, Mary Elizabeth	Northfield, Mass.	
Mar. 9	Booth, Donald William	Stockley, Del.	North Andover, Mass.
	Pitkin, Lois Gertrude	Northfield, Mass.	
	16 McIver, Ralph Bertran	St. Johnsbury, Vt.	Northfield, Mass.
	Murray, Gertrude Elizabeth	South Vernon, Mass.	
	16 Stacy, Gilbert Harrison	Northfield, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
	Scherlin, Marguerite Nina	Vernon, Vt.	
	17 Carroll, Harold James	New York, N. Y.	Northfield, Mass.
	Colton, Priscilla Maxwell	Northfield, Mass.	
Apr. 2	Couture, Albert Joseph	Northfield, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
	Broad, Maxine Elizabeth	Northfield, Mass.	
	11 Black, Wayne Arthur	Northfield, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
	Lane, Addie Belle	Brattleboro, Vt.	
	16 Otto, Herman Arthur	South Hadley, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
	Ely, Bettina Adams	Holyoke, Mass.	
	27 Mastroni, Francis Frederick	Bridgeport, Conn.	Northfield, Mass.
	Smolen, Esther Evangeline	Northfield, Mass.	

May	1	Eastman, Kelso M.	Lowell, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
		Currier, Beth (Cullinane)	Lowell, Mass.	
	4	O'Hara, Joseph Erwin	Tupper Lake, N. Y.	Northfield, Mass.
		Szestowski, Sophia Elizabeth	Northfield, Mass.	
	11	Glazewski, Tadeous	Erving, Mass.	Montague, Mass.
		Dymerski, Helen Sophie	Northfield, Mass.	
	16	Black, Watson Ellsworth	Northfield, Mass.	Leyden, Mass.
		McDonald, Charlotte	Leyden, Mass.	
	28	Scherlin, Walfred Algot	Vernon, Vt.	Northfield, Mass.
		McGaffigan, Bertha May	Vernon, Vt.	
	30	Mann, Crawford Jason	Northfield, Mass.	Greenfield, Mass.
		Dion, Rita Evelyn	Greenfield, Mass.	
June	1	Wozniak, Walter	Northfield, Mass.	Greenfield, Mass.
		Chula, Jennie Caroline	Greenfield, Mass.	
	1	Stevens, John Harry	Greenfield, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
		Bassett, Evelyn Adelaide	Northfield, Mass.	
	7	Whitaker, Raymond W.	Winchendon, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
		Hall, Phyllis M.	Winchendon, Mass.	
	8	Mankowsky, Carroll William	Northfield, Mass.	Montague (Millers Falls) Mass.
		Whitney, Madelyn May	Northfield, Mass.	
	8	McDonald, Andrew Lindsay	Leyden, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
		Black, Hazel Agnes	Northfield, Mass.	
June	16	Newton, Fred Minor	Putney, Vt.	Northfield, Mass.
		LaFue, Phyllis Winifred Bennett	E. Dummerston, Vt.	
	22	Carpenter, Paul Herbert	Northfield, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
		Miller, Ethel Louise	Northfield, Mass.	
	22	Gibson, Frederick Clifford	Northfield, Mass.	Greenfield, Mass.
		Kelly, Honora Rosalie	Greenfield, Mass.	
	29	Clough, Frederick Eugene, Jr.	Northfield, Mass.	Montague (Millers Falls) Mass.
		Serrell, Kathryn Maude	Turners Falls, Mass.	
	6	Barrows, Richard Wilbur	Northfield, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
		Greenwood, Ann	Northfield, Mass.	
July	13	Sokoloski, Walter Paul	Turners Falls, Mass.	Montague (Millers Falls) Mass.
		Dresser, Natalie Pearl	Northfield, Mass.	
	13	Gale, John Sumner	Stowe, Vt.	Northfield, Mass.
		Head, Frances Foulk	Montgomery, Ala.	
	14	Gredler, Charles Rogers	Northfield, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
		Proper, Eloise Electa	Summit, N. J.	
	25	Arsenault, Joseph Clifford	Vernon, Vt.	Northfield, Mass.
		Tyler, Isabelle Amy	Vernon, Vt.	
	27	Gibbs, Julian Howard	Albany, N. Y.	Northfield, Mass.
		Gethman, Cora Lee	Northfield, Mass.	
	31	Kemp, Maurice Welcome	Greenfield, Mass.	Colrain, Mass.
		Wing, Elsie Gertrude	Northfield, Mass.	

Aug.	2	King, Rupert Emory Davis, Lulu Catherine Goewey	New Boston, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
	17	Coy, Willard Amsden Robinson, Jean Hazen	Northfield, Mass. Hyde Park, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
	26	Boyle, John Joseph Donahue, Margaret Mary	Winchester, Mass. Lincoln, N. H.	Montague (Millers Falls) Mass.
Sept.	4	Flocken, Milton Hughes Finch, Arlene Louise	Northfield, Mass. Wilbraham, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
	5	Lundy, Richard Dorr Kehl, Janet Margaret	Northfield, Mass. Springfield, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
	14	Edson, LeRoy Hammond Snow, Alleen May	Northfield, Mass. Bernardston, Mass.	Bernardston, Mass.
	21	Chula, Stanley Martin Cembalisty, Adelia Dorothy	Greenfield, Mass. Northfield, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
	21	Landry, Henry Horace Clark, Marion Louise	Leominster, Mass. Leominster, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
	26	Kennedy, James J. Whiting, Dorothy (Decrow)	Worcester, Mass. Worcester, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
	27	Randall, Donald Leon Kelley, Norma Mary	Northfield, Mass. Greenfield, Mass.	Deerfield, Mass.
Oct.	6	Black, Julian Oscar Lombard, Fanny Louise	Northfield, Mass. Northfield, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
	12	Muthcawicz, Frank Wozniak, Steffie Mary	South Boston, Mass. Northfield, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
	19	Emerson, Perley Jasper Maddocks, Helen Bertina (Mundell)	Winchester, N. H. Winchester, N. H.	Northfield, Mass.
	26	Raffa, Michael Stanley Kugler, Jean Blanche (Galvis)	Hatfield, Mass. Northfield, Mass.	Deerfield, Mass.
	31	Plotczyk, Valentine Philip Szeszowicki, Esther Judith	Northfield, Mass. Northfield, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
Nov.	9	Holloway, Windom Edward Hoye, Carolyn	Northfield, Mass. Wilmington, Vt.	Wilmington, Vt.
	28	Krejma, Joseph John Schryba, Stella	Gill, Mass. Northfield, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
Dec.	9	VanFleet, Clifford Richard Sandstrand, Helen G.	Gardner, Mass. Gardner, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
	14	Randall, Warren Arthur Dunnell, Arline Grace	Northfield, Mass. Northfield, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.

### Deaths Recorded in 1946

Date	Name	Yrs.	Age	Days
1945			Mos.	
Nov. 16	Leavis, Gertrude Louise (Pullen)	76	4	5
Dec. 6	Cutting, Maurice	77	5	19
1946				

Jan.	2	Morse, Ethel Lathrop (Keith)	67	7	4
	19	Stillborn			
	24	Leach, Ralph Osgood	66	0	24
Feb.	21	Kasandi, John	58	—	—
Mar.	31	Savcheff, Andrew	64	10	8
Apr.	8	Brown, Thomas Towson	77	1	—
	11	Boliski, Bernard	40	2	18
May	4	Stearns, Charles Calvin	83	6	4
	14	Slate, Florence Miller	59	1	10
	31	Taber, Maria Taber	84	7	14
July	31	Brindley, William Angus	76	9	21
Aug.	14	Dale, William Henry	80	9	13
Oct.	6	Ford, Harold L.	71	—	9
	23	Sheldon, Ethel Susan (Hurlburt)	76	1	29
Nov.	5	Huber, Grace Edna	76	1	—
	20	Wells, Dorothy	52	9	18
Dec.	4	Taylor, George Lyman	85	2	4
	7	Kingsbury, Everett Nelson	86	11	20
	15	Williams, Anna M. Field	78	5	20

### Copy of the Votes Taken on the Articles in the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting, February 4, 1946

Article 1. Voted to accept all of the reports of the various town officers as printed in the Town Report.

Article 2. Voted and chose by ballot the necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year with the following results:

Town Clerk, 1 year	Josephine S. Haskell	322
Town Treasurer, 1 year	Charles F. Slate	322
Selectmen, 1 year	Homer F. Browning, Jr.	76
	George W. Carr	260
	Ernest A. Parker	280
	George H. Sheldon	190
	Ross L. Spencer	149
Assessor, 3 years	Fred S. Merrifield	321
Moderator, 1 year	William F. Hoehn	293
	J. W. Field	2
	George McEwan	1
	Dean W. Williams	1
School Committee, 3 years	Sidney H. Given	295
	Frank W. Zebert	1
Cemetery Committee, 3 years	Carlton W. Holton	311
Library Trustees, 3 years	Horace H. Morse	306
	Mary G. Parker	318



Tree Warden, 1 year	Dean W. Williams	50
	Fred A. Holton	1
	Frank W. Anderson	6
	Carroll H. Miller	1
	Henry Arthur Webster	2
	Joseph Bilmon	3
	James Dale	2
	Roderic Parker	2
	William F. Hoehn	1
	Robert D. Abbott	1
Tax Collector, 1 year	Charles F. Slate	316
Constables at large, 1 year	Harry M. Haskell	314
	Joseph G. Morgan	308
	Martin E. Vorce	307
Constable, resident Northfield Farms, 1 year	Murray M. Hammond	306
Planning Board Members,		
1 year	George McEwan	274
2 years	Frank W. Williams	269
3 years	Fred I. Bolton	285
4 years	William E. Park	287
	William Parker	1
5 years	Fred A. Holton	277
	George W. Carr	1

Article 3. Voted to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1946, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew such note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws; any debt or debts incurred under this vote to be paid from the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1946.

Article 4. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50 for the use of the Library at Northfield Farms.

Article 5. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$150 to be used by the Tree Warden for the care and preservation of shade trees.

Article 6. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,971.56 for lighting the streets.

Article 7. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100 for tools for highway work.

Article 8. Voted to raise and appropriate sums of money to defray town charges for the ensuing year as follows:

Schools	\$44,346.00
Treasurer, Salary	600.00
Expense Acct.	140.00
Bridges	500.00
Soldiers' Relief	2,500.00



Alexander Hall	150.00
Inspection of Animals	100.00
Selectmen, Salary	600.00
Expense Acct.	100.00
Road Machinery Fund, to be transferred from Road Mach. Acct.	1,800.00
Old Age Assistance	21,000.00
Public Welfare Clerk	100.00
School Committee, Salary	150.00
Inspection Meat & Slaughtering	200.00
Public Health	400.00
Moderator and Counsel	250.00
Town Reports	700.00
Bonds and Damages	400.00
Fire Department	1,700.00
Water Hole Maintenance	125.00
Department Public Welfare	5,000.00
Aid to Dependent Children	2,500.00
Town Clerk, Salary	300.00
Expense Acct.	40.00
Fire and Casualty Insurance	1,200.00
Sealer of Weights & Measures	125.00
Expense Account	25.00
Accountant, Salary	600.00
Expense Acct.	40.00
Assessors, Salaries	1,250.00
Expense Acct.	100.00
Town Hall Care	2,000.00
Interest Account	400.00
Town Clock and Fountain	120.00
Snow Removal	4,000.00
Elections and Registrations	700.00

Article 9. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for Tax Collector's Salary and \$150.00 for expense account.

Article 10. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 for the care and maintenance of Dickinson Memorial Library, which amount shall include the Dog Tax and fines.

Article 11. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$850.00 to be used in the extermination of the Gypsy Moth.

Article 12. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,550.00 to defray the expense of a Community Nurse.

Article 13. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 to be used in putting up railing.

Article 14. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,500.00 to pay the note due on the new Grade School Building debt.

Article 15. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$851.00 for the care and preservation of cemeteries.

Article 16. Voted to authorize the Selectmen to enter into contract with the Board of Public Works, Division of Highways, for repair and

improvement of roads and highways, exclusive of State Highways, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$14,625.00 for Chapter 81 Highways.

Article 17. Voted to empower the Selectmen to defend the town in any suit brought against the town.

Article 18. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000.00 to cooperate with the State and County in construction of the Chapter 90 roads.

Article 19. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$150.00 for Memorial Day Exercises to be expended under the direction of the American Legion.

Article 20. Voted to elect a Park Commissioner to have charge of the Athletic Fields and Playgrounds in the town, to serve one year, without pay, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$125.00 for care of the Athletic Field.

Upon motion duly seconded it was voted to instruct the tellers to cast one vote for George M. Leonard for Park Commissioner and he was declared elected.

Article 21. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400.00 to be used to complete the parking place now partially constructed, with gravel and oil and install sufficient lights at the rear of the Town Hall.

Article 22. Voted to authorize the Selectmen to appoint one of their members as a clerk for the Aid to Dependent Children and Old Age Assistance, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 for salary for said clerk.

Article 23. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 for constables' pay.

Article 24. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 for the purpose of constructing a new cement sidewalk on the east side of Main Street, extending from the present cement sidewalk in front of Charles Slate's southward.

Paper ballot: Yes 52, No 37.

Article 25. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400.00 for Hydrant Service for 15 hydrants to be paid to the Northfield Water Company for water supplying the hydrants for fire protection.

Paper ballot: Yes 72, No 40.

Article 26. Voted to transfer from Overlay Reserve Account the sum of \$2,000.00 for a reserve fund for the current year.

Article 27. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 to take care of the drainage on Warwick Ave., between St. Mary's Street and Birnam Road.

Article 28. Voted to accept from the American Youth Hostel, Inc., the sum of \$150.00 the same to be added to estimated receipts and available funds when setting the tax rate.

Article 29. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50.00 to meet foreclosure costs on tax titles.

Article 30. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 to continue the work on the drain started on the road between the railroad track and Ernest Billings.

Article 31. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 to build or repair the fence at the West Northfield Cemetery, said amount to be appropriated from cemetery lot fund.

Article 32. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2.86 to pay unpaid bills of 1945.

Paper Ballot: Yes 42, No 2.

Article 33. Voted to transfer from surplus revenue the sum of \$20,000.00 to reduce the tax rate.

Article 34. Voted that the town authorize the Selectmen to receive and take action on applications for business licenses within the town, as provided by law, and that they be authorized to call and conduct such public hearings as are necessary in connection with these applications.

Article 35. Voted to empower the Selectmen to appoint a Trustee of the Martha W. Alexander Fund to take the place of Frank H. Montague deceased. The Trustees recommended the appointment of Mrs. Maude M. Montague.

Article 36. Voted to appoint a survey committee to investigate the advisability of erecting a World War Memorial in the form of a community school center and to determine the need for additional school facilities consisting of a gymnasium, vocational shop, and kindergarten quarters to occupy this building. The committee is to be composed of the chairman of the Board of Selectmen, the Commander of the American Legion, the President of the P.T.A., the School Committee, and three other members to be appointed by the chairman of the Selectmen, one of whom shall be a veteran.

Article 37. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50.00 for the cost of making the survey and publishing the report.

Article 38. Voted to authorize the Selectmen to appoint a committee to look up land that can be used for a cemetery and report at the next annual town meeting.

Article 39. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to enlarge and improve the kitchen at the town hall, and to buy needed equipment and to authorize the Selectmen to appoint a committee to be in charge of the work.

Article 40. Voted to buy a car for the use of the town nurse and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,067 for the same and \$333.00 for its maintenance.

Paper Ballot: Yes 74, No 52.

After the reading of the Warrant by the Clerk, Rev. Joseph W. Reeves gave the invocation. Recess for dinner was declared at 12 o'clock, and the meeting reconvened at 1:30 P. M. Mr. Edward M. Powell, representative of the Federal Government, presented to Mrs. Claire Cochrane a medal in appreciation of her outstanding financial achievement during the bond drives.

Mr. George McEwan read a resolution, presented to Mr. Fred A. Holton, retiring Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, for his service to the town as a member of that Board for twenty years.

Joseph W. Field, chairman of the Zoning Committee, gave a report of the work of the committee which was accepted. The Committee was discharged with a vote of thanks.

Committees appointed under the following Articles:

Article 36, Survey Committee

Ernest A. Parker

Stanley Payson

Louis V. Phelan

Sidney H. Given

Lillian G. Wells

Article 38, Cemetery Committee

Luman A. Barber

Joseph G. Morgan

Merritt C. Skilton

Article 39, Town Hall Kitchen Committee

Helen M. Stearns

Dorothy L. Miller

Maude M. Montague

Irving J. Lawrence

Frank W. Pearsall

Frank W. Williams

Raymond C. Miller

Helen E. McNeil

Marion W. Goodspeed

Afred E. Holton

James E. Dresser

JOSEPHINE S. HASKELL, Town Clerk

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### Copy of the Votes Taken on the Articles in the Warrant for the Special Town Meeting, November 5, 1946

Article 1. Voted to appropriate from Surplus Revenue Account the sum of \$250.00 to install an auxiliary lighting system in Alexander Hall.

Article 2. Voted to transfer the sum of \$365.00 from Machinery Account to purchase a new sanding machine.

Article 3. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$1,400.00 from Surplus Revenue to add to the Snow Removal account.

Article 4. Voted to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of the equipment no longer needed by the town.

Article 5. Voted to appropriate \$5,000.00 from Surplus Revenue to add to the Old Age Assistance Account.

Article 6. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$900.00 from Surplus Revenue to add to the Aid to Dependent Children Account.

Article 7. Voted to transfer the sum of \$172.00 to the School Department account to supply added transportation for the first grade pupils, so that they may be carried home at a time to be decided by the School Committee, as petitioned by a group of citizens.

Paper Ballot: Yes 91, No 69.

Article 8. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$850.00 to erect a fence on the south end of the playground and athletic field at the Center School.



Article 9. Voted and lost. Paper Ballot: No 95, Yes 47.

Article 10. Voted to authorize and empower the Selectmen to appoint a Trustee of the Martha W. Alexander Fund, and to accept the recommendation that Mrs. Mary T. Parker be appointed.

Article 11. Voted to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of any interest the town may have in the old school house lot No. 12, situated on what was formerly known as the Old Warwick Road.

Article 12. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$250.00 to install any and all auxiliary lighting equipment required in the school building at No. 4 district.

Article 13. Voted to accept the sum of \$150.00 from Alice V. Watson in trust and apply the interest to the care of the Watson lot No. 58, Mount Hermon Cemetery.

Article 14. Voted to accept the sum of \$100.00 from the Albert S. Brigham Estate in trust and apply the interest to the care of the two Brigham family lots in Center Cemetery.

Article 15. Voted to accept the sum of \$100.00 as a trust fund, the interest thereof to be used for perpetual care of the lot of Cora Preston and Pitts W. Preston in West Northfield Cemetery.

Article 16. Voted to accept the sum of \$100.00 as a trust fund, the interest thereof to be used for perpetual care of the Pennock burial lot in West Northfield Cemetery.

Article 17. Voted to accept the sum of \$100.00 as a trust fund, the interest thereof to be used for perpetual care of the lot in Center Cemetery known as the Asa A. Holton lot.

Article 18. Voted to accept from the estate of Mary H. Callender the sum of \$500.00 as a trust fund, the interest thereof to be used for the perpetual care of the cemetery lot in which Mary H. Callender and her husband are buried and known as the Cyrus Holton lot, in Mount Hermon Cemetery; the surplus, if any, to be used for the care and embellishment of the lot of the father, mother and the other members of the family of Mary H. Callender.

JOSEPHINE S. HASKELL, Town Clerk



# REPORT OF THE Board of Assessors

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For the Year Ending December 31, 1946

Value of Real Estate		\$1,673,713.00
Value of Personal Estate		231,970.00
Rate per \$1,000	\$ 38.00	
Polls Assessed	679	
Motor Excise Commitment		3,607.79
Number of horses assessed	79	
Number of cattle assessed	1,194	
Number of swine assessed	15	
Number of goats assessed	15	
Number of fowl assessed	6,360	
Number of sheep assessed	15	

## Appropriations

Appropriations from available funds, Nov. 13, 1945:

Typewriter for Assessors' Dept. from surplus revenue	\$ 120.00
Old Age Assistance account from surplus revenue	1,200.00
Snow Removal account from surplus revenue	1,500.00
Veterans' Service Center from surplus revenue	450.00
New truck for town work from machinery account	1,500.00

Appropriations from available funds, Feb. 4, 1946:

Road machinery fund from machinery account	1,800.00
Reserve fund from overlay reserve	2,000.00
West Northfield Cemetery fence from cemetery lot fund	300.00

Appropriations to be raised by taxation, Feb. 4, 1946:

Northfield Farms Library	50.00
Tree Warden	150.00
Street lighting	2,971.56
Highway tools	100.00
Schools	44,346.00
Treasurer's salary	600.00
Treasurer's expense account	140.00
Bridges	500.00
Soldiers' relief	2,500.00
Alexander Hall	150.00
Animal inspection	100.00
Selectmen's salary	600.00

Selectmen's expense account	100.00
Old Age Assistance	21,000.00
Public Welfare clerk	150.00
School Committee salary	150.00
Inspection meat and slaughtering	200.00
Public health	400.00
Moderator and Counsel	250.00
Town reports	700.00
Bond and damages	400.00
Fire department	1,700.00
Maintenance of water holes	125.00
Department Public Welfare	5,000.00
Aid to Dependent Children	2,500.00
Town Clerk's salary	300.00
Town Clerk's expense account	40.00
Election and registration	700.00
Fire & Casualty insurance	1,200.00
Sealer of weights & measures	125.00
Sealer's expense account	25.00
Accountant's salary	600.00
Accountant's expense account	40.00
Assessors' salary	1,250.00
Assessors' expense account	100.00
Town Hall care	2,000.00
Interest account	400.00
Town Clock & Fountain	120.00
Snow removal	4,000.00
Tax Collector's salary	500.00
Tax Collector's expense account	150.00
Dickinson Memorial Library	3,000.00
Gypsy moth	850.00
Community Nurse's salary	1,550.00
Railings	300.00
Grade school building debt	4,500.00
Cemeteries	851.00
Roads & Highways, Chapter 81	14,625.00
Chapter 90 roads	4,000.00
Memorial Day	150.00
Athletic field care	125.00
Parking lot	400.00
Clerk's salary, Aid to Dependent Children	300.00
Constables' pay	200.00
Cement sidewalk	1,000.00
Hydrant service	400.00
Drainage, Warwick Avenue	500.00
Foreclosure costs, tax titles	50.00
Ernest Whitney, road drainage	500.00
Unpaid bills 1945	2.86
Survey Committee expense	50.00
Town Hall kitchen improvements	1,000.00

Nurse's car	1,067.00	
Nurse's car maintenance	333.00	
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Total Appropriations		\$141,056.42
Veterans' Service District		\$ 615.60
State Tax		1,550.00
State Parks & Reservations		75.80
State audit of municipal accounts		505.55
County tax		5,329.76
County tax 1945 underestimate		42.32
Overlay		2,594.52
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Gross amount to be raised		\$151,769.97

### Estimated Receipts and Available Funds

Income tax	\$ 7,032.38	
Corporation taxes	3,088.74	
Reimbursement—state owned land	184.29	
Gasoline tax	4,507.40	
Motor vehicle and trailer excise	2,000.00	
Licenses	50.00	
General government	400.00	
Health and sanitation	425.00	
Highways—chapter 81 and chapter 90	12,750.00	
Charities	10,000.00	
Old age tax (meals)	918.66	
Schools	7,000.00	
Libraries	100.00	
Interest on taxes	500.00	
American Youth Hostel's gift	150.00	
Overestimate on state parks, 1945	19.54	
Tax rate reduction from surplus revenue	20,000.00	
Transfers	8,870.00	
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Total estimated receipts and available funds		\$ 77,996.01
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Net amount to be raised by taxation		73,773.96
Poll tax	\$ 1,358.00	
Personal property tax	8,814.86	
Real estate tax	63,601.094	
Fractional gain on tax rate	.006	
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Total taxes levied on polls and property		\$ 73,773.96

Respectfully submitted,

FRED S. MERRIFIELD  
CLIFFORD A. FIELD  
ERNEST A. PARKER

Assessors

# REPORT OF THE Welfare Department

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Number of General Relief Cases	12
Number of Soldiers Relief Cases	5
Number of Aid to Dependent Children	7

## Old Age Assistance

Number of Recipients Jan. 1, 1946	56
Cases received during the year	8
Cases closed during the year	1
Number of recipients Dec. 31, 1946	63

## General Relief

Appropriation	\$ 5,000.00
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## Payments

Cash	\$ 1,295.16
Mrs. D. C. Donahue	310.32
F. M. Dunnell	161.54
Irish & Morgan	391.67
Dr. F. W. Dean	109.50
John Wilson & Co.	18.00
Northfield Pharmacy	102.49
Morgans N. E. Store	421.46
Greenfield Dairy	87.29
Dr. W. F. Dodd	15.00
W. L. Goodnow & Co.	24.27
Dr. A. B. True	99.00
Melvin Miller	28.00
George N. Kidder	25.00
Edward Lucew	105.00
J. C. Penney Co.	15.08
G. O. Dunnell	39.00
Dr. L. R. Dame	34.50
H. E. Hamilton Co.	6.00
Dr. H. W. Cummings	152.00
Dunham Bros. Co.	5.11
Dr. P. A. Freeman	5.00
Dr. J. H. Bolton	65.00
A. L. Morlock	199.72
Tel. & Tel. Co.	.50
Mrs. Shirley K. Goodwin	15.00
John Mackin	9.85

Sears Roebuck Co.	22.36	
Dr. George Rist	25.00	
City of Boston	636.00	
State of Mass.	208.50	
Avery's Store	4.65	
Drs. Hazen & Little	21.00	
Returned Check	25.00	
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Total	\$ 4,684.97	
Unexpended balance	315.03	
	<hr/>	\$ 5,000.00

### Soldiers' Relief

Appropriation	\$ 2,500.00
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### Payments

Myrtle Burrington	1,379.23	
A. E. Lerche Inc.	23.40	
Sears Roebuck & Co.	25.00	
Morgan's N. E. Store	61.16	
Dr. E. E. Baldwin	14.00	
Dr. L. H. Noyes	27.50	
E. Doolittle	10.00	
Town of Greenfield	115.80	
Dr. L. R. Dame	5.00	
Franklin Co. Hospital	35.20	
Dr. E. C. Thorne	50.00	
Dr. H. L. Craft	2.00	
Melvin Miller	16.00	
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Total	1,764.29	
Unexpended balance	735.71	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,500.00

### Aid to Dependent Children

Appropriation	\$ 3,400.00
U. S. Grant	1,029.01
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Total	\$ 4,429.01

### Payments

Cash	\$ 4,275.58	
Unexpended balance	153.43	
	<hr/>	\$ 4,429.01



## Old Age Assistance

Appropriation	\$26,062.40
U. S. Grant	13,926.27
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	\$39,988.67

## Payments

Cash	\$39,337.74	
Town of Greenfield	45.78	
Town of Bernardston	48.00	
Town of Montague	275.67	
Town of Wakefield	103.64	
City of Boston	78.29	
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Total	\$39,889.12	
Unexpended balance	99.55	
	<hr/>	\$39,988.67

GEORGE W. CARR,  
Chairman, Board Public Welfare.

## REPORT OF FIRE CHIEF AND FOREST FIRE WARDEN

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The Fire Department of this town has responded during the year of 1946 to 38 calls. Of this number 21 were for chimney fires; 14 calls were for grass and brush fires; 1 fire was in a chicken house and 2 calls were for emergencies.

Respectfully,  
CHARLES L. JOHNSON,  
Fire Chief and Forest Fire Warden.

REPORT OF THE  
**Finance Committee**

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The Finance Committee was organized for the year 1946 with Dr. Richard G. Holton, Chairman, and Mrs. Helen E. McNeil Clerk.

All financial matters coming before the town for action have been carefully considered and recommendations made accordingly.

Transfers from the reserve fund to meet deficits have been authorized as follows:—

Alexander Hall	\$ 11.09
Old Age Assistance	62.40
Road Machinery Fund	316.73
Assessors' Expense Account	35.00
Selectmen's Expense Account	2.36
Typewriter for Assessors	11.45
Assessors' Expense Account	5.44
Constable Pay	55.72
Inspection of Animals	28.18
Health	8.36
Highways Chapter 90	.04
Schools	250.34
Clock and Fountain	127.50
Memorial Day	36.15
Nurse Expense	50.00

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD G. HOLTON  
HELEN E. McNEIL  
GEORGE McEWAN  
DOROTHY C. MILLER  
FRED I. BOLTON  
WALTER W. HYDE  
HORACE H. MORSE

## REPORT OF CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

The various cemeteries have had the customary care during the year. We are asking for an appropriation to oil the road in the Center Cemetery. The foremost reason for this work lies in the fact that at the present the cars knock the stones out into the lawn and it is necessary to spend time raking them out to avoid dulling the mowers. With the road oiled, this needless expense could be averted.

Appropriation	\$851.00
Interest Fund	288.24
	<hr/> \$ 1,139.24
Ok'd Bills for the care of the cemetery	1,087.41
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Balance	\$ 51.83
Received for the care of the Spofford Lot	\$ 4.06
Paid for labor and material	\$ 4.06

### Cash Received for Sale of Lots and Care

Name	Lot No.	Cemetery	Page	Price
Mrs. Ralph O. Leach	37, 38, 39	Farms	377	75.00
Charles Field	40	Center	378	25.00
Grace E. Kramm	42	Mt. Hermon	379	15.00
Horace H. Morse	7	Mt. Hermon	380	15.00
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				\$130.00
Paid to the Town of Northfield				\$130.00
Stearns Lot				\$10.05
G. N. Kidder, labor and material				10.05

GEORGE N. KIDDER  
CARLETON HOLTON  
JOSEPH J. BARTUS

Cemetery Commissioners

REPORT OF THE

## Trustees of Dickinson Memorial Library

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Your Trustees by regular meetings and diligent personal interest have administered the affairs of the Dickinson Memorial Library throughout the year. The books of the Library have been available and as far as funds allowed new books have been placed on our shelves. Gifts have also added a considerable number of valuable though not recent books. The comfortable and well equipped reading room has been well patronized, the children's room has ministered to the needs of our young people and has been largely used by the pupils of our schools. Christmas decorations, seasonal display of books and attractive bulletins are touches which have added interest and charm to the Library activities.

Miss Lucy Mears Eleveth resigned as Librarian to accept the position of Librarian at Edgewood Park School, Briarcliff Manor, New York. Miss Eleveth came to us after Christmas 1944 and rendered faithful and efficient service; she had gone far in cataloguing the Library and was very helpful in her attention to individual needs. The Trustees were sorry to have her go. Miss Eleveth's resignation took effect August 24th. Mrs. Florence Phelps, who has served a number of years as Assistant Librarian, was appointed Librarian and began to serve in that capacity on the same date—August 24th. Miss Arlene Dunnell was appointed Assistant to the Librarian and began her work September 17th. Mr. Frank Britton moved from Northfield and Mr. Louis M. Abbey was appointed Janitor in his place. Mr. Abbey began his work August 1st.

During the year books and magazines have been given by the friends listed below:

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Abbott	Mr. Jack McCormick
Miss Florin Andrew	Miss C. Ina Merriman
Miss Mercy Brann	Mrs. Frank Montague
Mr. Frank Britton	Mrs. Ambert G. Moody
Mrs. Albert Cembalisy	Miss Nellie R. Nye
Rev. and Mrs. Charles Milo Connick	Mrs Emma M. F. Powell
Miss Elizabeth Dale	Estate of Mr. Charles E. Stearns
Rev. and Mrs. Edward Fairbank	Mr. Edwin Stevens
Mrs. Mary A. Holton	Mrs. Jessie Sutherland
Miss Julia Huber	Mrs. Carroln Van Phelan
Rev. Robert Bonner Jack	Mrs. John Wisdom
Miss Lucy Jackson	Mrs. Allen Wright
Mrs. L. R. Kirk	



Mr. and Mrs. Robert Abbott gave a book in memory of their daughter, Carol Ann, on her birthday. Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Wood gave a number of books in memory of their mother, Mrs. Nellie M. Wood. The Estate of Mr. Charles E. Stearns gave a picture of Northfield Street, 1905, and we received from Mrs. Ambert G. Moody a letter written by Mr. E. M. Dickinson, the Donor of the Library Building, addressed to Mr. D. L. Moody, dated May 26th, 1896. Progress has been made in cataloguing the Library and we hope to continue this important work. At present there are 11,358 books in the Library.

The Library Building calls for constant attention that it may be properly maintained. During the fall the roof was inspected by an expert and certain necessary and extensive repairs were made. This involved a much larger expenditure than we had anticipated, so much so that we count ourselves fortunate to have paid the bill and kept within our appropriation. We ought to have funds enough to improve our lighting system and to meet the urgent need for more shelves.

The town of Northfield is fortunate in the possession and use of a splendid Library Building. To have such an edifice at our disposal and to realize how largely its use could be expanded makes us keenly aware of how grievously the meagerness of our endowment funds cramps its possible service to the community.

We therefore close this report by again expressing the hope that the loyal and devoted sons, daughters and friends of Northfield, wherever they may be—near or far—will recognize in the Library a wonderful and very appropriate means of expressing their love for Northfield by establishing large Library endowment funds. Why not make our dreams come true—NOW!

C. INA MERRIMAN, Chairman  
MARY G. PARKER  
MERCY A. BRANN  
JSEPH W. FIELD  
HORACE H. MORSE  
ROBERT BONNER JACK



## Librarian's Report

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The circulation for 1946 has shown an encouraging increase over the past few years. All libraries are noting this fact which is attributed to the return of more leisure time following the war years.

The total circulation for 1946 shows an increase of 1879 over that of 1945.

Circulation 1945		Circulation 1946	
Books—adult	8391	Books—adult	8953
Books—juvenile	5353	Books—juvenile	6236
Periodicals		Periodicals	
adult	821	adult	993
juvenile	176	juvenile	281
Bookmobile	514	Bookmobile	671
<hr/> Total		<hr/> 17,134	
15,255			

Our busiest day was the last day of the year, December 31, 1946, with a total circulation of 176.

The state bookmobile has continued its fine service during the past year, lending books totaling 1,227; 463 at the Dickinson Memorial Library, and 764 to other parts of the town. In addition to our books and those from the bookmobile, we have borrowed from other libraries on special request, through the inter-library loan.

A total of 616 books, by gift and purchase, have been placed on our shelves during the year.

At the present time, the registration of persons using the library, both children and adults, numbers 710 resident and 5 non-resident.

The amount received for fines on overdue books and periodicals for the year is \$134.05, which in turn becomes available for new books and other library expenses.

With the opening of school in September, a change was made in the children's room. Mrs. Warren Randall, our new assistant, now charges the children's books, through the eighth grade, at the table in the children's room, from 1 to 4. This plan has aided greatly in relieving the congestion at the main desk, and also makes it possible for her to help the children in finding and making a choice of books.

The librarians are always glad to cooperate with the teachers in selecting books for report; explaining the uses of the library; and in finding material for special assignments. In addition to the books and periodicals for pleasure and knowledge in our library, there are fine exhibits of minerals and historical objects on the second floor of the building. These exhibits are open to the public during the library hours, from 1 to 6 p. m. on Wednesday and Friday; and 1 to 8 p. m. on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. The only restrictions are that children shall be accompanied by a responsible person.

While the new books have been slow of delivery the past year and the publishers cannot promise any definite date for deliveries, our library has kept up with the current book titles and we hope to continue this service.

May I take this opportunity to pay a tribute to the trustees of our library for their many hours of service so freely given, and to extend thanks to our patrons for their cooperation, patience and understanding of our problems.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. FLORENCE H. PHELPS

Librarian.

REPORT OF THE

## Park Commissioners

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I herewith submit a report of work accomplished at the athletic field during the year 1946.

One of the first projects that was undertaken at the field was the removal of two large stumps which had been left with ditches around them for several years. Deeming these stumps to be very dangerous, they were removed by town help at the expense of the Park Department.

Through the assistance of many of the men and boys of the town, the basepaths of the baseball diamond were skirted and fill was added, all at no expense to the town. New accurate basepaths were laid out. Loam, purchased locally, was used to fill in hollows on the rest of the athletic field. A fence was planned at the west side of the field, but no wire was available so that this project will have to be accomplished next year. The baseball diamond was moved frequently by power mower while the rest of the field was mowed occasionally by a tractor mower. Wooden bases were bought for use on softball diamonds and the bleachers were temporarily patched up.

The present athletic field is in very poor condition. A lack of fertilizer during the past few years and its increased daily use during the spring and fall by 350 school pupils has left it with a patchwork of bare spots. The entire field needs regrading. The baseball diamond needs additional fill. The backstop needs repairing.

The present bleachers were constructed ten or more years ago and are now in an unsafe condition. Much of the wood is decayed and weak. It is recommended that the town appropriate a sum of money to purchase portable steel bleachers to replace the present wooden structures. These bleachers could be used at other places than the athletic field should the town have any outdoor public gatherings.

This department has an unexpended balance again this year but this is mainly due to the large amount of volunteer help and the scarcity of materials. I am indebted to the members of the Northfield A.A. and those interested in its welfare, to I. J. Lawrence, Luman Barber, Myron Dunnell, the Northfield School for Girls, and many pupils of our own school system for their assistance in preparing the baseball diamond.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE M. LEONARD,  
Park Commissioner.

## REPORT OF THE Public Health Nurse

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To the Selectmen and citizens of the town of Northfield:

I herewith submit my second annual report as Public Health Nurse of the town of Northfield.

On Wednesdays during January and February, accompanied by Mrs. George Carr, chairman of the local Health Council, I attended a Public Health Nurses' refresher course in West Springfield on Newer Concepts and Developments in Public Health Nursing. This course was made available to us by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. During September, October and November I attended a course on Maternity Nursing at the nurses' home of the Franklin County Hospital. This course was taught by the Supervising Instructor in Maternity Public Health Nursing.

Again this year the Fortnightly generously contributed ten dollars for the purpose of purchasing cod liver oil to be distributed by the nurse to worthy children.

The Northfield Health Council is once again furnishing the money to buy hot lunches for needy children.

In June the Well-child Clinic was held in the nurse's room at the Center School, with Dr. Alexander Nadas, pediatrician, of Greenfield, attending physician, and Mrs. Horst, the state nutritionist. There were 54 children examined and much follow-up work was done.

The usual Diphtheria Clinic was held at Alexander Hall with Dr. T. Wilton Dean attending. Twenty-seven children were immunized. This clinic is available to all and it is encouraging to see that most families benefit by it.

The following is a complete summary of my work from Jan. 1, 1946, to Jan. 1, 1947:

Chronic cases visited	593
Acute cases visited	83
Communicable disease	3



Maternity:	
Prenatal	15
Deliveries	2
Postnatal	7
Health Supervision:	
Infant	131
Preschool	57
School	112
Adult	83
Tuberculosis Contact	10
Social Service	23
Parents not at home	14
Meetings attended	4
Talks given	9
Transportation	110
Fees collected	\$285.50

Respectfully submitted,

NATALIE GOWEN.



# Town Warrant

## COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

FRANKLIN, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Northfield in the County of Franklin. Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in election and in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Town February 3rd, 1947 at ten o'clock in the morning then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To hear the reports of the several Town Officers and act thereon.

Article 2. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the coming year, the following to be on one ballot: Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, three Selectmen for one year, One Assessor for three years, Town Moderator for one year, two Library Trustees for three years, one School Committee Member for three years, one Cemetery Commissioner for three years, one Cemetery Commissioner for one year, to fill vacancy, Tree Warden for one year, Tax Collector for one year, three Constables for one year, one Constable for one year, a resident of Northfield Farms, and one Member of the Planning Board for five years.

The polls may close at FIVE O'CLOCK P. M.

Article 3. To see if the oTwn will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1947, and to issue a note or notes therefore, payable within one year, and to renew such note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws: any debt or debts incurred under this vote to be paid from the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1947.

Article 4. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of \$75 for the use of the Library at Northfield Farms, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$75.00.  $\angle$  100 -

37 = 60 School No 3  
Article 5. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used by the Tree Warden in the care and preservation of shade trees or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$150.00. ✓ 250

Article 6. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for lighting the streets, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$3,000.00. 3845

Article 7. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for tools for highway work, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$100.00. ✓

Article 8. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as shall be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend the following items:

Schools	\$58,089	Maintenance Water holes	200
Treasurer	600	Dept. Public Welfare	5,000
Treasurer's Expense a/c	140	Aid to Dependent	4500
Bridges	1,000	Children	5,200
Soldiers' Relief	1500 2500	Town Clerk	400
Alexander Hall	175	Town Clerk's Exp. a/c	70 40
Inspection of Animals	150	Election & Registration	500
Dog Officer	50	Fire and Casualty Ins.	1,200
Selectmen's Salary	900	Sealer of Weights and	
Selectmen's Expense a/c	100	Measures	125
Road Machinery Fund	2,000	Sealer's Exp. a/c	25
(Transfer from Machinery Acct.)		Accountant's Salary	700
Old Age Assistance	2800	Accountant's Exp. a/c	40
Public Welfare Clerk	150	Assessors' Salary	1,250
School Committee Salary	150	Assessors' Exp. a/c	75
Inspection of Meat and		Town Hall Care	3,000
Slaughtering	200	Interest Account	300
Public Health	400	Town Clock and Fountain	150
Moderator and Counsel	250	Snow Removal	5,000
Town Reports	400	Public Safety	50
Bond and Damages	400	Road Signs	100
Fire Department	1,700		

Article 9. To determine the salary of the Tax Collector, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$500.00, expense a/c \$150.00. ✓

Article 10. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,300.00 for the care and maintenance of the Dickinson Memorial Library, this sum to include the fines collected and the Dog Tax, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$3,300.00. ✓

Article 11. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used in the extermination of the Gipsy Moth, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$850.00. ✓

Article 12. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to paint the interior and exterior of the Town Hall or take any vote or votes in relation thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$3,000.00. ✓

Article 13. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the salary of a Community Nurse, and Substitute Nurse, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$2,050.00. ✓

Article 14. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the Community Nurse's expense account, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$50.00. ✓

Article 15. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the expense of the Community Nurse's car or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$350.00. ✓

Article 16. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to install a drainage system on Beers Plain Road beginning near the residence of the Ware Bros. and running to Edson's Brook, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommend \$5,500.00. ✓

Article 17. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used in putting up railing, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$300.00. ✓

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to pay note due on the new Grade School building debt or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommend \$4,500.00. ✓



Article 19. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the care and preservation of cemeteries, or take any vote in relation thereto. 1075

The Finance Committee recommend \$850.00

Article 20. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to enter into contract with the Board of Public Works, Division of Highways, for repair and improvement of roads and highways exclusive of state highways, and raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated, available funds in the treasury a sum of money for Chapter 81 Highways, or take any action in relation thereto. 14623.81 4895

The Finance Committee recommend \$19,500.00.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highway construction, or take any action in relation thereto. 30001 1000

The Finance Committee recommend \$4,000.00.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from the Cemetery Lot Fund to be used in oiling the road in Center Cemetery, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$235.00.

Article 23. To see if the Town will empower the Selectmen to defend the Town in any suit brought against the Town, or act thereon.

Article 24. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 for equipment for any further improvements in the Town Hall kitchen and that the present committee be authorized to continue in office, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$1,555.00. ✓

Article 25. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to surface the driveways around the Town Hall, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommend \$600.00. ✓

Article 26. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to repair sidewalks, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$100.00. ✓

Article 27. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for Memorial Day exercises, the same to be expended under the direction of the American Legion, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$175.00. ✓

Article 28. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for Constables' pay, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommend \$300.00. ✓

Article 29. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to appoint one of their members as Clerk for the Aid to Dependent Children and Old Age Assistance, and that the salary be \$300.00 in accordance with Section 4A Chapter 41, General Laws, and raise and appropriate money for same.

The Finance Committee recommend \$300.00. ✓

Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 to be used in purchase of fish to be liberated in the Town of Northfield, under the supervision of the selectmen, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$200.00. ✓ (200)

Article 31. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 for the purpose of constructing a new cement sidewalk on the east side of Main Street extending from Warwick Ave. northward, or act thereon. 1000. ✓

Article 32. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for hydrant service for fifteen hydrants to be paid to the Northfield Water Co. for water supplying the hydrants for fire protection, or act thereon. 400.

Article 33. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for a reserve fund for the current year, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$2,000.00. ✓

Article 34. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appoint a committee to consist of the three Selectmen and four members of the Fire Department to investigate plans for a new fire house and report at the next annual Town Meeting or sooner if necessary, or act thereon. ✓

Article 35. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to investigate plans for a Town garage and report at the next annual Town Meeting or sooner if necessary, or act thereon.

Article 36. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to purchase an adding machine for the use of the Tax Collector and Treasurer, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$100.00. ✓



Article 37. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to reimburse the school teachers and school nurse for salary raises from September through December 1946, as voted by the School Committee, or act thereon. The amount needed is \$2,840.00.

Article 38. To see if the Town will vote to appoint a Park Commissioner to have charge of the athletic field and playgrounds in the Town to serve one year, and to see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$200.00 for the care of the athletic field, or act thereon.

**The Finance Committee recommend \$200.00.** ✓

Article 39. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$550.00 to purchase portable steel bleachers for use at the athletic field, and other outdoor public gatherings, or act thereon.

**The Finance Committee recommend \$550.00.**

Article 40. To hear the report of the Survey Committee to investigate World War 2 Memorial in the form of a Community School Center, and take any vote or votes in relation thereto. ✓

Article 41. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to present a copy of the Puritan Outpost to the Historical Society, or act thereon.

Article 42. To hear the report of the Cemetery Land Committee on a new cemetery location, and take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 43. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to install three street lights on Glen Road, or act thereon.

Article 44. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to install two street lights on the Millers Falls Road near the group of houses south of Frank Garfields, or act thereon.

Article 45. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to install two street lights on the Millers Falls Road between the residence of Frank Bartus and the Erving Line, or act thereon.

Article 46. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to erect and maintain a street light at the corner of Birnam Road and Hotel Road, or act thereon.

Article 47. To see if the Town will vote to change the present method of electing the Selectmen, as follows: election of one Selectman for three years, election of one Selectman for two years, and election of one Selectman for one year, one Selectman each year, for a three year term thereafter, to begin in 1948, or act thereon.

Article 48. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from Surplus Revenue to reduce the tax rate, or act thereon.

**The Finance Committee recommend \$10,500.00.**

Article 49. To see if the Town will vote to accept from the American Youth Hostels, Inc., the sum of \$20.00, the same to be added by the Assessors to estimated receipts and available funds, when setting the tax rate, or act thereon.

Article 50. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used in making necessary repairs on abandoned schoolhouses, or act thereon.

**The Finance Committee recommend \$100.00.**

Article 51. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell certain real estate acquired through tax title procedure or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies at the Post Offices in Northfield, East Northfield, West Northfield, at the School House in District No. 6, and the Tenney Farms Filling Station at Northfield Farms, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting, as foresaid.

Given under our hands this 17th day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and forty-seven.

ERNEST A. PARKER

GEORGE W. CARR

GEORGE H. SHELDON

Selectmen of Northfield.

*The Commonwealth of Massachusetts*  
*Department of Corporations and Taxation*  
*Division of Accounts*  
*State House, Boston.*

To the Board of Selectmen  
Mr. Ernest A. Parker, Chairman  
Northfield, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Northfield for the year ending December 31, 1946, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws. This is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. Herman B. Dine, Assistant Director of Accounts.

Very truly yours,  
FRANCIS X. LANG,  
Director of Accounts

Mr. Francis X. Lang  
Director of Accounts

Department of Corporations and Taxation  
State House, Boston

Sir:

In accordance with your instructions, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Northfield for the year ending December 31, 1946, and submit the following report thereon:

The financial transactions, as entered on the records of the several departments receiving or disbursing town funds or sending out bills for collection, were examined, checked and verified by comparison with the books of the town accountant and the treasurer.

The books and accounts of the town accountant were examined and checked in detail. The record receipts were checked with the treasurer's books, while the recorded payments were compared with the selectmen's warrants and with the treasurer's record of disbursements. The appropriation accounts as recorded on the ledger were checked with the town meeting records of the town clerk, and all other accounts were checked with information in the departments in which the transactions originated. The ledger was analyzed, a trial balance was taken off, and after the necessary adjusting entries were made, a balance sheet, which is appended to this report, was prepared showing the financial condition of the town on December 31, 1946.

The balance sheet indicates that the town is in good financial condition.

The books and accounts of the tax collector were examined and checked in detail. The tax accounts outstanding according to the previous examination and all subsequent commitment lists of taxes were audited and proved with the warrants committing them for collection. The collections as recorded on the cash books were checked, the payments to the treasurer were verified, the abatements were checked to the assessors' record of abatements granted, the taxes transferred to the tax title account were verified, and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved with the accountant's ledger as adjusted.

Verification of the correctness of the outstanding tax accounts was made by mailing notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town, and from the replies received it appears that the outstanding accounts as listed are correct.

The books and accounts of the treasurer were examined and checked in detail. The receipts, as recorded, were compared with departmental records of payments to the treasurer and with the other sources from which money was paid into the treasury. The



payments were checked with the selectmen's warrants authorizing them and with the town accountant's books. The cash book was footed, and the cash balance on December 31, 1946 was proved by actual count of the cash in the office and by reconciliation of the bank balance with a statement received from the depository.

The payments on account of debt and interest were compared with amounts falling due during the period covered by the audit and with cancelled securities on file.

The tax title register in the custody of the treasurer was analyzed and checked with the accounts of the tax collector, with the tax title deeds on file, and with the records in the Registry of Deeds. The amounts received from redemptions were verified and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved to the town accountant's adjusted ledger.

The securities, including savings bank books, representing the investment of trust and investment funds in the custody of the town treasurer were inspected and listed. The income was proved, while the bequests and withdrawals were checked and verified.

The records of payroll deductions on account of federal taxes as kept by the town accountant were examined and checked. The payments to the Collector of Internal Revenue and to the depository were verified with the selectmen's warrants and with the town accountant's ledger. It is recommended that all payrolls for federal taxes, and the net amount to be paid each employee, show the total earned by each employee, the amounts deducted with space provided thereon for the recording of the treasurer's check number.

The records of accounts receivable in the highway, public welfare including the bureau of old age assistance, and school departments were examined and checked. The departmental records were analyzed, the recorded collections were compared with the payments to the treasurer, the abatements and disallowances were verified, and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved with the town accountant's adjusted ledger accounts.

The records pertaining to municipal property rentals were examined and checked and the payments to the treasurer were verified.

The financial transactions of the town clerk were examined and checked. The receipts for dog and sporting licenses were checked with the record of licenses issued and the payments to the treasurer and to the Division of Fisheries and Game were verified.

The appropriations were listed from the town clerk's record of town meetings and the amounts voted were compared with the aggregate appropriations raised by the assessors in the computation of the tax rate for the period covered by the audit.



The recorded receipts for sealing and adjusting weights and measures were checked with the record of fees charged and the payments to the treasurer were verified.

The records of licenses granted by the selectmen and issued by the town clerk were examined and checked and the payments to the treasurer were verified.

The records of the dog officer for boarding and keeping dogs were examined and checked, the amount due from the county being listed and proved.

The records of licenses granted by the health department and issued by the town clerk were checked. The recorded receipts were verified with the records of licenses issued and the payments to the treasurer were verified.

The records of receipts of the community nurse were examined and checked. The payments to the treasurer were verified and the cash on hand on January 8, 1947 was proved by actual count.

The records of receipts of the librarians of the Dickinson Memorial Library for fines were checked. The payments to the treasurer were compared with the treasurer's receipts, and the cash on hand on January 9, 1947 was proved by actual count.

The savings bank book representing the investment of the Elisha Alexander Charity and Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds in the custody of selectmen were examined and listed. The income was proved and the withdrawals were verified.

The records of charges for the use of town-owned highway equipment were compared with the payrolls of the highway department. The recorded collections were checked and the payments to the treasurer were verified. It is recommended that records be kept of the amounts billed to other towns and individuals for machinery rentals, so that the receipts from this source may lend themselves to audit.

The surety bonds of the town officials required to furnish them for the faithful performance of their duties were examined and found to be in proper form.

The books and accounts of the trustees of the Martha W. Alexander Charity Fund were examined and verified. The savings bank books representing the investments of the fund were listed, the income was proved, and the withdrawals were verified. The payments were checked with the cancelled checks on file, and the cash balance was proved by reconciliation of the bank balance with a statement received from the bank of deposit.

The records of the cemetery department for the sale and care of lots were examined and checked. The sales of lots were checked to the deed record book and the payments to the treasurer verified. The savings bank book in custody of the cemetery commissioners was examined, the income and withdrawal being proved.

In addition to the balance sheet, there are appended to this report tables showing the reconciliation of the treasurer's cash, summaries of the tax and departmental accounts, as well as tables showing the transactions and condition of the trust and investment funds.

While engaged in making the audit, cooperation was received from all town officials, for which on behalf of my assistants and for myself, I wish to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN B. DINE,

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Assistant Director of Accounts

#### RECONCILIATION OF TREASURER'S CASH

Balance January 1, 1946, per previous audit,	\$ 50,489.58	
Receipts 1946:		
Reported,	\$168,585.83	
Not reported:		
Withholding tax deductions,	.20	
	<u>          </u>	\$168,586.03
		\$219,075.61
Payments 1946,	\$174,869.08	
Balance December 31, 1946:		
Cash in office, verified,	\$ 1,004.98	
Franklin County Trust		
Company, Greenfield,	43,201.55	
	<u>          </u>	\$ 44,206.53
		\$219,075.61

#### FRANKLIN COUNTY TRUST COMPANY—GREENFIELD

Balance December 31, 1946, per statement,	\$ 53,131.01
Balance December 31, 1946,	
per check book,	\$ 43,201.55
Outstanding checks December 31, 1946,	
per list,	9,929.46
	<u>          </u>
	\$ 53,131.01

#### FEDERAL WITHHOLDING TAXES

Balance January 1, 1946,	
per previous audit,	\$ 329.80
Payroll deductions 1946,	3,042.90
Audit adjustment—	
Payroll deductions not reported,	.20
	<u>          </u>
	\$ 3,372.90

Payments 1946:

Franklin County Trust Company--	
depository,	\$ 1,835.90
Collector of Internal Revenue,	1,245.20
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	\$ 3,081.10

Balance December 31, 1946,	
in general treasury,	291.80
	<hr/>
	\$ 3,372.90

TAXES—1944

Outstanding January 1, 1946,	
per previous audit,	\$ 4,595.98
Payments to treasurer 1946,	\$ 4,564.30
Tax titles taken 1946,	31.68
	<hr/>
	\$ 4,595.98

TAXES—1945

Outstanding January 1, 1946,	
per previous audit,	\$ 11,530.66
Audit adjustment—	
Interest entered as taxes 1945,	.78
	<hr/>
	\$ 11,531.44
Payments to treasurer 1946,	\$ 7,484.11
Tax titles taken 1946,	.. 36.93
Audit adjustment—	
Abatement of taxes 1945 entered as 1946,	2.00
Outstanding December 31, 1946, per list,	4,008.40
	<hr/>
	\$ 11,531.44

TAXES—1946

Commitment per warrants,	\$ 73,773.96
Additional commitment per warrants,	10.00
	<hr/>
	\$ 73,783.96
Abatements after payment refunded,	21.10
Audit adjustments:	
Abatement after payment adjusted, \$	- 2.00
Abatement on taxes 1945 entered	
as 1946,	2.00
	<hr/>
	\$ 4.00
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	\$ 73,809.06
Payments to treasurer 1946,	\$ 62,042.39
Abatements 1946,	841.30
Added to tax titles 1946,	155.13
Outstanding December 31, 1946, per list,	10,770.14
	<hr/>
	\$ 73,809.06

### MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES—1945

Outstanding January 1, 1946,		
per previous audit,	\$	204.49
Commitment per warrants,		40.64
Abatement after payment refunded,		1.92
		<hr/>
	\$	247.05
Payments to treasurer 1946,	\$	241.13
Abatements 1946,		5.92
		<hr/>
	\$	247.05

### MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES—1946

Commitment per warrants,	\$	3,607.79	
Abatement after payment refunded,		8.51	
		<hr/>	\$ 3,616.30
Payments to treasurer 1946,	\$	3,211.51	
Abatements 1946,		51.55	
Audit adjustments—			
Abatement not entered,		.73	
Outstanding December 31, 1946, per list,		352.51	
		<hr/>	\$ 3,616.30

### TIMBER SALVAGE TAXES

#### Accounts Receivable

Outstanding January 1, 1946,		
per previous audit:		
Taxes 1940,	\$	1,109.33
Taxes 1941,		1,239.84
Taxes 1942,		1,239.84
		<hr/>
	\$	3,589.01
Outstanding December 31, 1946, per list,		3,589.01
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### INTEREST AND COSTS ON TAXES

#### Collections 1946:

##### Interest:

##### Taxes:

Levy of 1944,	\$	346.00	
Levy of 1945,		204.66	
Levy of 1946,		33.83	
		<hr/>	\$ 584.49

##### Motor vehicle excise taxes:

Levy of 1945,	\$	5.42	
Levy of 1946,		7.82	
		<hr/>	13.24

##### Costs:

##### Taxes:

Levy of 1944,	\$	21.95	
Levy of 1945,		6.65	
Levy of 1946,		7.70	
		<hr/>	36.30

Motor vehicle excise taxes:

Levy of 1945,	\$	17.70		
Levy of 1946,		9.80		
		<u>          </u>	27.50	
			<u>          </u>	\$ 661.53

Payments to treasurer 1946:

Interest,	\$	596.95		
Costs,		63.80		
		<u>          </u>	\$	660.75

Audit adjustment—

Interest entered as taxes 1945,			.78	
			<u>          </u>	\$ 661.53

TAX TITLES

Balance January 1, 1946, per previous audit,	\$	1,181.17
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Tax titles taken:

Taxes 1944,	\$	31.68		
Taxes 1945,		36.93		
Interest and costs,		32.28		
		<u>          </u>	100.89	

Added to tax titles:

Taxes 1946,		155.23
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Audit adjustments:

Interest and costs added to tax titles not reported,	\$	.29		
Redemption interest reported as tax title redemptions,		130.39		
		<u>          </u>	130.68	
			<u>          </u>	\$ 1,567.97

Payments to treasurer 1946,	\$	947.68		
Balance December 31, 1946, per list,		620.29		
		<u>          </u>	\$	1,567.97

TAX POSSESSIONS

Balance January 1, 1946, per previous audit,	\$	417.66
Balance December 31, 1946, per list,	\$	417.66



**SELECTMEN'S LICENSES**  
Issued by Town Clerk

Licenses issued 1946:

Revolver,		\$	19.00	
Common victuallers',			3.00	
Innholder,			6.00	
Gasoline,			30.00	
Auctioneer,			2.00	
Alcohol,			2.00	
			<hr/>	\$ 62.00
Payments to treasurer 1946,				\$ 62.00

**TOWN CLERK**

**Dog Licenses**

Licenses issued 1946:

Male,	129 @ \$2.00,	\$	258.00	
Female,	17 @ 5.00,		85.00	
Spayed female,	70 @ 2.00,		140.00	
Kennel,	5 @ 10.00,		50.00	
			<hr/>	\$ 533.00
Payments to treasurer 1946,		\$	4.88.80	
Fees retained,	221 @ .20,		44.20	
			<hr/>	\$ 533.00

**Sporting Licenses**

Licenses issued 1946:

Resident citizens' fishing,	95 @ \$2.00,	\$	190.00	
Resident citizens' hunting,	103 @ 2.00,		206.00	
Resident citizens' sporting,	144 @ 3.25,		468.00	
Resident citizens' minor and female fishing,	70 @ 1.25,		87.50	
Resident citizens' trapping,	5 @ 5.25,		26.25	
Special non-resident fishing,	12 @ 1.50,		18.00	
Non-resident citizen's minor fishing,	1 @ 2.25,		2.25	
Non-resident citizens' fishing,	17 @ 5.25,		89.25	
Non-resident citizens' hunting,	7 @ 10.25,		71.75	
Non-resident military or naval sporting,	3 @ 2.00,		6.00	
Duplicates,	7 @ .50,		3.50	
			<hr/>	\$ 1,168.50
Payments to Division of Fisheries and Game 1946,		\$	1,054.25	
Fees retained 1946,	457 @ \$.25,		114.25	
			<hr/>	\$ 1,168.50

## MUNICIPAL RENTALS

Rentals 1946,		\$	327.50
Payments to treasurer 1946,	\$	292.50	
Abatements 1946,		35.00	
		<hr/>	\$ 327.50

## TOWN HISTORIES

Collections 1946:			
Sale of histories, 1 @ \$5.00,	\$	5.00	
Postage,		.30	
		<hr/>	\$ 5.30
Payments to treasurer 1946,			\$ 5.30

## SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Fees collected 1946,	\$	44.77
Payments to treasurer 1946,	\$	44.77

## BOARD OF HEALTH—LICENSES

Licenses issued 1946:			
Pasteurization,	\$	20.00	
Oleomargarine,		2.00	
Milk,		3.00	
		<hr/>	\$ 25.00
Payments to treasurer 1946,			\$ 25.00

## COMMUNITY NURSE

Cash on hand January 1, 1946,			
per previous audit,	\$	36.00	
Fees collected 1946,		285.50	
		<hr/>	\$ 321.50
Payments to treasurer 1946,	\$	307.00	
Cash on hand December 31, 1946,		14.50	
		<hr/>	\$ 321.50
Cash on hand January 1, 1947,	\$	14.50	
Fees collected January 1 to 8, 1947,		11.00	
		<hr/>	\$ 25.50
Payments to treasurer January 1 to 8, 1947,	\$	14.50	
Cash on hand January 8, 1947, verified,		11.00	
		<hr/>	\$ 25.50

## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

### Accounts Receivable

Outstanding January 1, 1946,			
per previous audit, .	\$	385.34	
Outstanding December 31, 1946, per list,	\$	385.34	

## ROAD MACHINERY EARNINGS

### Payroll deductions:

Snow removal,	\$ 812.00
Chapter 81, highways,	1,850.75
Chapter 90, highways,	336.75
Town dump,	6.00
Bridges,	12.74
Drainage,	25.00
Parking lot,	42.00
Railings,	6.00
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	\$ 3,091.24

Other towns	104.40
Individuals,	76.65

	<hr/>	\$ 3,272.29
Payments to treasurer 1946,		\$ 3,272.29

## PUBLIC WELFARE DEPARTMENT

### Temporary Aid

#### Accounts Receivable

Commitments 1946,	\$ 294.16
Payments to treasurer 1946,	\$ 294.16

## AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

#### Accounts Receivable

Outstanding January 1, 1946,	
per previous audit,	\$ 271.23
Commitments 1946,	1,144.22
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	\$ 1,415.45
Payments to treasurer 1946,	\$ 845.82
Outstanding December 31, 1946, per list	569.63
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	\$ 1,415.45

## BUREAU OF OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

#### Accounts Receivable

Outstanding January 1, 1946,	
per previous audit,	\$ 137.38
Commitments 1946,	17,288.70
	<hr/>
	\$ 17,426.08
Payments to treasurer 1946,	\$ 17,330.42
Outstanding December 31, 1946,	
per list,	95.66
	<hr/>
	\$ 17,426.08

## SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

### Accounts Receivable

Outstanding January 1, 1946, per previous audit,	\$ 14.40	
Commitments 1946:		
Entered,	\$ 159.40	
Not entered,	53.00	
	<u>212.40</u>	
		\$ 226.80
Payments to treasurer 1946,	\$ 140.00	
Outstanding December 31, 1946, per list,	86.80	
		<u>\$ 226.80</u>

## DICKINSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

### Lucy Eveleth, Librarian

Cash on hand January 1, 1946, per previous audit,	\$ .14	
Fines collected January 1 to August 31, 1946,	82.02	
	<u>\$ 82.16</u>	
Payments to treasurer January 1 to August 31, 1946,	\$ 65.00	
Cash on hand August 31, 1946,	17.16	
		<u>\$ 82.16</u>

### Florence Phelps, Librarian

Cash on hand September 1, 1946,	\$ 17.16	
Fines collected September 1 to December 31, 1946,	51.89	
	<u>\$ 69.05</u>	
Payments to treasurer September 1 to December 31, 1946,		\$ 69.05
		<u>\$ 5.47</u>
Fines collected January 1 to 9, 1947,		\$ 5.47
Cash on hand January 9, 1947, verified,		<u>\$ 5.47</u>

## CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

### Receipts 1946:

Sale of cemetery lots,	\$ 130.00	
Perpetual care income,	4.06	
	<u>\$ 134.06</u>	

### Payments to treasurer 1946:

Sale of cemetery lots,	\$ 130.00	
Expenditures by commissioners — Care of lot,	4.06	
	<u>\$ 134.06</u>	

# ELISHA ALEXANDER CHARITY FUND

## In Custody of Selectmen

		Savings Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1946,		\$ 2,020.00	\$ 2,020.00
On hand at end of year 1946,		\$ 2,020.00	\$ 2,020.00
Receipts		Payments	
	1946		
Income,	\$ 20.20	Transfer to town,	\$ 20.20

# MARTHA ALEXANDER CHARITY FUND

## In Custody of Trustees

		Cash	Savings Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1946,	\$	235.75	\$ 8,525.00	\$ 8,760.75
On hand at end of year 1946,	\$	290.94	\$ 8,525.00	\$ 8,815.94
'Receipts			Payments	
	1946			
Income 1946,	\$166.30	Aid to poor,		\$110.00
Cash on hand January		Bank charges,		1.11
1, 1946,	235.75	Cash on hand December		
		31, 1946,		290.94
	<u>\$402.05</u>			<u>\$402.05</u>

# LOTTIE EVANS CHARITY FUND

## In Custody of Treasurer

		Savings Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1946,		\$ 725.94	\$ 725.94
On hand at end of year 1946,		\$ 740.52	\$ 740.52
Receipts		Payments	
	1946		
Income,	\$ 14.58	Added to savings deposits,	\$ 14.58

# GEORGE F. MORGAN CHARITY FUND

## In Custody of Treasurer

		Savings Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1946,		\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
On hand at end of year 1946,		\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Receipts		Payments	
	1946		
Income,	\$ 60.30	Transfer to town,	\$ 60.30



## SURPLUS REVENUE SCHOOL FUND

### In Custody of Treasurer

		Savings Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1946,		\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,600.00
On hand at end of year 1946,		\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,600.00
	Receipts	Payments	
	1946		
Income,	\$ 32.16	Transfer to town,	\$ 32.16

## BELCHER CENTER SCHOOL FUND

### In Custody of Treasurer

		Savings Deposits	Securities Par Value	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1946,		\$ 1,050.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 1,250.00
On hand at end of year 1946,		\$ 1,050.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 1,250.00
	Receipts	Payments		
	1946			
Income,	\$ 26.10	Transfer to town,		\$ 26.10

## BELCHER LIBRARY FUND

### In Custody of Treasurer

		Savings Deposits	Securities Par Value	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1946,		\$ 9,439.01	\$ 300.00	\$ 9,739.01
On hand at end of year 1946,		\$ 9,439.01	\$ 300.00	\$ 9,739.01
	Receipts	Payments		
	1946			
Income,	\$197.15	Transfer to town,		\$197.15

## CHARLES P. DICKINSON LIBRARY FUND

### In Custody of Treasurer

		Savings Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1946,		\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
On hand at end of year 1946,		\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
	Receipts	Payments	
	1946		
Income,	\$ 60.30	Transfer to town,	\$ 60.30

# JAMES W. COWLES CEMETERY FUND

## In Custody of Treasurer

		Savings Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1946,		\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
On hand at end of year 1946,		\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Receipts		Payments	
	1946		
Income,	\$ 40.20	Transfer to town,	\$ 40.20
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# BELCHER CENTER CEMETERY FUND

## In Custody of Treasurer

		Savings Deposits	Securities Par Value	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1946,		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
On hand at end of year 1946,		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Receipts			Payments	
	1946			
Income,	\$ 47.15	Transfer to town,		\$ 47.15
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# CALVIN STEARNS CEMETERY FUND

## In Custody of Treasurer

		Savings Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1946,		\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
On hand at end of year 1946,		\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Receipts		Payments	
	1946		
Income,	\$ 10.05	Transfer to town,	\$ 10.05
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# MARY H. CALLENDER CEMETERY FUND

## In Custody of Treasurer

		Savings Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1946,		—	—
On hand at end of year 1946,		\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Receipts		Payments	
	1946		
Bequest,	\$500.00	Deposited in savings bank,	\$500.00
Income,	173.00	Transfer to town,	173.00
	<u>          </u>		<u>          </u>
	\$673.00		\$673.00
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## WEST NORTHFIELD CEMETERY FUND

### In Custody of Treasurer

	Savings Deposits	Securities Par Value	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1946,	\$ 3,470.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 7,470.00
On hand at end of year 1946,	\$ 3,670.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 7,670.00
Receipts		Payments	

1946

Bequests,	\$200.00	Added to savings deposits,	\$200.00
Income,	240.41	Transfer to town,	240.41
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	\$440.41		\$440.41
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## CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS

### In Custody of Treasurer

	Savings Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1946,	\$10,364.75	\$10,364.75
On hand at end of year 1946,	\$10,714.75	\$10,714.75
Receipts	Payments	

1946

Bequests,	\$350.00	Added to savings deposits,	\$350.00
Income,	208.84	Transfer to town,	208.84
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	\$558.84		\$558.84
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## CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS

### In Custody of Selectmen

	Savings Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1946,	\$ 303.00	\$ 303.00
On hand at end of year 1946,	\$ 303.00	\$ 303.00
Receipts	Payments	

1946

Income,	\$ 3.03	Transfer to town,	\$ 3.03
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## POST-WAR REHABILITATION FUND

## In Custody of Treasurer

	Cash	Savings Deposits	Securities Par-Value	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1946,	\$404.53	—	\$10,000.00	\$10,404.53
On hand at end of year 1946,	—	\$654.53	\$10,000.00	\$10,654.53
Receipts			Payments	

## 1946

Income,	\$250.00	Deposited in savings bank, \$654.53
Cash in general treasury		
January 1, 1946,	404.53	
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	\$654.53	\$654.53

## Balance Sheet — December 31, 1946

ASSETS		LIABILITIES AND RESERVES	
Cash,	\$44,206.53	Withholding Tax-Payroll Deductions,	\$ 291.80
Accounts Receivable:		Dog Licenses—Due County,	9.00
Taxes:		Tax Title Sale Excess 1943—	25.44
Levy of 1945,	\$ 4,008.40	Section 79, Chapter 60,	
Levy of 1946,	10,770.14	Tax Collector's Costs,	51.90
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes:		Trust Fund Income:	
Levy of 1946,		George F. Morgan Charity Fund, \$106.93	
Timber Salvage Taxes:		Elisha Alexander Charity Fund, 111.75	
Levy of 1940,	\$ 1,109.33	Belcher Library Fund, .03	
Levy of 1941,	1,239.84	Dickinson Library Book Fund, 14.31	
Levy of 1942,	1,239.84	Calvin Stearns Cemetery Fund, 10.00	
Tax Titles,	3,589.01	Mary Callender Cemetery Fund, 173.00	
Departmental:	620.29	West Northfield Cemetery Fund, 241.43	
Aid to Dependent Children, \$ 569.63		Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds, 15.56	673.02
Old Age Assistance, 95.66		Sale of Cemetery Lots Fund,	1,965.62
Snow Removal, 385.34		Sale of Real Estate Fund,	1,260.00
Schools, 86.80		Road Machinery Fund,	9,708.44
	1,137.43		



# Federal Grants:

Old Age Assistance:	
Assistance,	\$100.45
Administration,	376.78
Aid to Dependent Children:	
Assistance,	6.65
Administration,	3.00
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	486.88

## Tailings,

20.33

## Unexpended Balances:

Planting and Care of Trees,	\$121.34
Sidewalk Construction,	53.60
Sanding Machine,	365.00
School Fence,	850.00
Auxiliary Light-School No. 4	250.00
Auxiliary Light-Alexander Hall,	250.00
War Memorial Survey Committee,	50.00
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1,939.94

## Reserve Fund-Overlay Surplus,

2,468.57

## Overlay Reserved for Abatements:

Levy of 1945,	\$1,410.95
Levy of 1946,	1,757.22
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3,168.17

## Aid to Highways:

State,	\$ 1,390.18
County,	1,000.00
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2,390.18

## Underestimate 1946:

### State Parks and Reservations

Tax,	\$ 45.49
County Tax,	111.21
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156.71

# Revenue Reserved Until Collected:

Motor Vehicle Excise Tax,	\$ 352.51
Timber Salvage,	3,589.01
Tax Title,	620.29
Departmental,	1,137.43
State and County Aid to Highways,	2,390.18
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	8,089.42
Surplus Revenue,	37,072.67
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	\$67,231.20

## DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt,	\$18,000.00	New School Building Loan,	\$18,000.00
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## TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Trust and Investment Funds,		Elisha Alexander Charity Fund,	\$ 2,020.00
Cash and Securities:		Martha W. Alexander Charity Fund,	8,815.94
In Custody of Treasurer,	\$53,368.81	Lottie Evans Charity Fund,	740.52
In Custody of Selectmen,	2,323.00	George Morgan Charity Fund,	3,000.00
In Custody of Trustees,	8,815.94	Surplus Revenue School Fund,	1,600.00

Belcher Center School Fund,	1,250.00
Belcher Library Fund,	9,739.01
Charles Dickinson Library Book Fund,	3,000.00
James W. Cowles Cemetery Fund,	2,000.00
Belcher Center Cemetery Fund,	2,000.00
Calvin Stearns Cemetery Fund,	500.00
Mary Callender Cemetery Fund,	500.00
West Northfield Cemetery Fund,	7,670.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds:	
In Custody of Treasurer,	10,714.75
In Custody of Selectmen,	303.00
Post-War Rehabilitation Fund,	10,654.53
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	\$64,507.75

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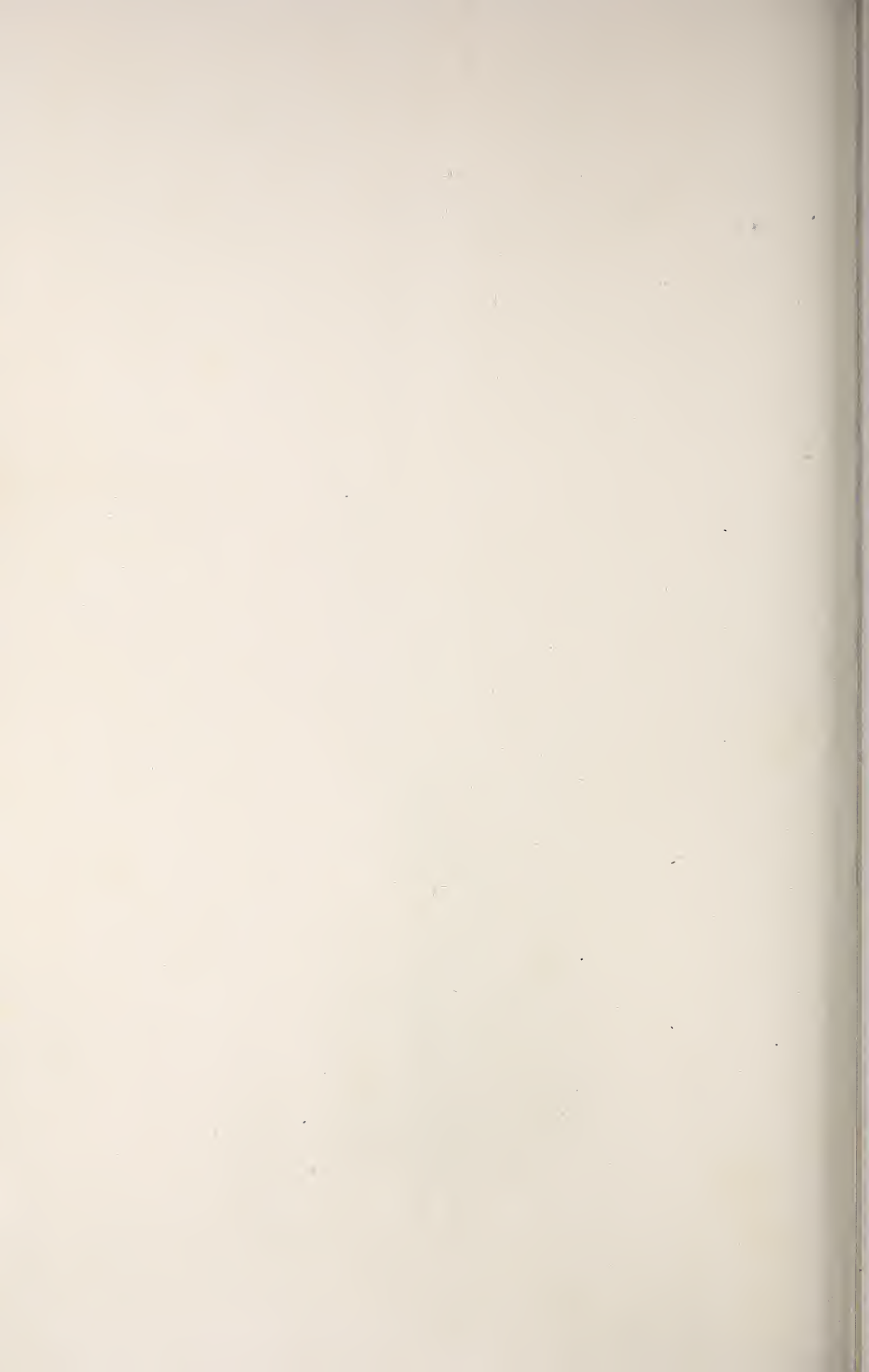
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# Town Officers



## Moderator

George McEwan

## Town Clerk

Josephine S. Haskell

## Treasurer

Charles F. Slate

## Selectmen

Ernest A. Parker, Chairman

George W. Carr

George H. Sheldon

## Assessors

Clifford A. Field

Term expires 1950

Ernest A. Parker

Term expires 1948

Fred S. Merrifield

Term expires 1949

## Tax Collector

Charles F. Slate

## School Committee

Irving J. Lawrence

Term expires 1950

Lillian G. Wells

Term expires 1948

Sidney H. Given

Term expires 1949

## Library Trustees

Mercy A. Brann

Term expires 1950

Luman A. Barber

Term expires 1948

C. Ina Merriman

Term expires 1948

Robert B. Jack

Term expires 1948

Horace H. Morse

Term expires 1949

Mary G. Parker

Term expires 1949

## Cemetery Commissioners

George N. Kidder

Term expires 1950

Charles C. Morgan

Term expires 1948

Carlton W. Holton

Term expires 1949

**Tree Warden**

Dean Williams

**Constables**

Murray M. Hammond

Harry M. Haskell

Joseph G. Morgan

Martin E. Vorce

**Planning Board**

Frank W. Williams 1948

Fred I. Bolton 1949

Fred A. Holton 1951

William E. Park 1950

F. Wilton Dean 1952

**Accountant**

Fred H. Doolittle

**Chief Fire Department**

Charles L. Johnson

**Superintendent of Roads**

Ralph V. Gibson

**Gypsy Moth Agent**

Frank W. Anderson

**Forest Fire Warden**

Andrew Gray

**Deputy Forest Fire Wardens**

Hermon Fisher

Charles L. Johnson

Carlton Holton

Edward C. Bolton

Clifford L. Bolton

Lawrence Hammond

**Public Weighers**

George O. Dunnell

F. Myron Dunnell

Clarence H. Spaulding

Fred B. Kelly

Richard W. Borrows

Robert Schepp

**Inspection, Meat, Provisions and Slaughtering**

Horace W. Bolton

**Sealer of Weights and Measures**

John F. Field

**Cattle Inspector**

Gilbert S. Hammond

**Fence Viewers**

Lucky O. Clapp

Lawrence M. Hammond

Carlton W. Holton

**Surveyors Wood and Timber**

James E. Dresser

Fred I. Bolton

**Field Drivers**

Julian O. Black

Raymond C. Miller

Peter E. Ladzinski, Jr.

**Dog Officer**

Gilbert S. Hammond

**Pound Keeper**

Dr. George A. Bronson

**Registrars of Voters**

Harry L. Gingras

Charles L. Johnson

Lawrence M. Hammond

**Finance Committee**

Dorothy L. Miller

Term expires 1948

William E. Park

Term expires 1948

Fred I. Bolton

Term expires 1949

Walter H. Hyde

Term expires 1949

A. Gordon Moody

Term expires 1950

Ross L. Spencer

Term expires 1950

# Selectmen's Report



The Selectmen of the Town of Northfield submit the following reports of the various departments for the past year ending December 31, 1947.

With funds voted at the last annual town meeting we have been able to have the interior and exterior of the Town Hall completely renovated, also the seats in the balcony refinished. The driveways around the Town Hall have also been resurfaced. An article in this year's warrant which we hope will have your support calls for funds to refinish the seats on the main floor, the dining room tables and any other furniture which may need attention. The badly worn curtains on the stage should also be replaced.

Eleven copies of "The Puritan Outpost" were presented to the Senior class of 1947, and one copy to the Historical Society, leaving at present a balance of 89 copies on hand.

Again this year the Board of Health provided funds to secure Dr. Nadas as attending physician at the well-child clinic in June.

Respectfully submitted,

ERNEST A. PARKER

GEORGE W. CARR

GEORGE H. SHELDON

Selectmen.



# Town Clerk's Report



## VITAL STATISTICS

It is extremely important that the Vital Statistic record be complete and correct. If any errors or omissions are discovered the Clerk will deem it a favor to have them reported at once so that corrections may be made.

As required by Chapter 46, Section 15, General Laws of Massachusetts:

Notice is hereby given that the Town Clerk will furnish blanks for returns of births to parents, householders, physicians, and registered hospital officers applying for the same.

### Births Recorded in 1947

1946

October :	Name	Parents
15—	Bolton, Jean Phyllis	Kenneth L. and Olga.
16—	Abbott, Jane Lawrence	Robert D. and Priscilla F.
20—	Perry, Phyllis Marie	Robert A. and Jennie L.
21—	Sobieski, Marie Ann	Francis C. and Patricia
26—	Dale, David Robert	James R. and Ruth G.
27—	Webber, Barry Richard	Clarence K. and Esther I.
November :		
7—	Holton, David Clinton	Joseph W. and Karlene
13—	Sheldon, Christopher Eliot	Leale H. and Elinor
15—	Schryba, James Edward	Stephen and Mary E.
21—	Stratton, Sandra Ann	Frank C. and Hazel
29—	Browning, Donald Ellsworth	Herman William and Bertha Belle
December :		
2—	Casey, Bette Rae	George Vincent and Betty
8—	True, Stephen Hopkins	Ansel Bartlett and Evelyn Augusta
17—	Briesmaster, Allan Frederic	Harold A. and Natalie M.
28—	Mankowsky, David Carl	Carroll William and Madelyn Mae

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January :		
4—	Field, Katherine Virginia	Calvin and Katherine Virginia
6—	Thompson, Jean Louise	Ray K. and Helen
11—	Ladzinski, Infant	Peter E. and Jean M.
13—	Black, Alane Helen	Wayne Arthur and Addie Belle
15—	Browning, Ralph Clayton	Homer Franklin, Jr., and Ethel R.

18—Holbrook, Sandra Jane  
21—Dodenhoff, Miriam Rosalie  
26—Given, Frederick Eugene

Richard K. and Dorothy H.  
Erwin Karl and Mary Rosabelle  
Sidney Hobart and Marion Sophie

February :

10—Farrar, Sally Ann  
19—Chamberlin, Stephen Dudley  
28—Walker, Ethel Lois

Lawrence Stanley and Blanche Anna  
Duncan S. and Monica  
William Cottle and Florence Helen

March :

3—Leonard, Susan Mae  
8—Smolen, Bradley John  
11—Clark, Gary Roger  
16—Carey, Charles Dennis  
20—Urgielewicz, Joseph Leon

George M. and Esther M.  
Stanley John and Margaret Diana  
Walter R. and Genevieve  
Forest Leon and Katherine Isabelle  
Paul Peter Jr. and Virginia Ruth

April :

12—Knapp, Katherine Ann  
13—Williams, Laura Lee  
15—Hillock, Raymond Leslie  
20—Lyman, Patricia Ann

Ray Albert and Erma Mae  
Richard Raymond and Dorothy I.  
Walter Frank and Agnes May  
Dwight E. and Shirley I.

May :

3—Zaikowski, Robert Stanley  
7—Parsons, Linda Louise  
12—Barfitt, Cynthia May  
15—Glazier, Harry Lester  
21—Scott, Linda Elizabeth

Stanley A. and Stella  
Harold E. and Esther  
Stanley Gordon and Sarah Elizabeth  
Clayton Howard and C. Rena  
Alvin Harold and Elizabeth Arlie

June :

3—Krejmas, Jo Ann  
6—Stone, Albert Niles  
6—Holloway, Joy  
18—Shearer, Jeanne Margaret  
24—Sanderson, Scot Walter  
28—Huber, Linda Mae

Joseph J. and Stella  
Niles E. and Olive  
Leonard Lee and Beryl Ella  
Robert Browning and Margaret A.  
Winthrop Whitney and Alice Sophia  
Donald Gay and Barbara Rose

July :

6—Goodwin, Daniel James  
6—Bistrek, Thadd Wright  
18—Ingram, Delbert Gerald  
25—Stowell, Dennis Leoman

James A. and Elizabeth  
Stanley T. and Gladys  
Delbert Elwin and Ruth Geraldine  
Leoman R. and Norma

August :

2—Wozniak, Walter Thomas  
4—Sikoski, Edward Leo  
10—Williams, Dennis Howard  
14—Huber, Gloria Jean  
29—Luciw, Mary Anna

Walter and Jennie  
Leo Francis and Cecelia  
Howard E. and Edith  
William C. and Catherine  
Edward Andrew and Catherine M.

September :

14—Szestowicki, Ronald James	Stanley Theodore and Agnes Rose
23—Glazewski, Linda Helen	Tadeus and Helen S.

October :

10—Chula, Margaret Jean	Stanley Martin and Adelia Dorothy
21—Scripture, Stephen Allen	Stanley Harrison and Eleanor W.

November :

12—Mankowski, Martha Elizabeth	Roman John and Elizabeth Vesta
13—Edson, Michael Alden	Alden F. and Lucy S.
23—Stillborn	
23—Fletcher, Susan	John H. and Mary
25—Andrews, Jane	Benjamin R. Jr. and Rose M.

December :

2—Rogers, Infant	Robert W. and Ethelyn V.
10—Miller, Donald Raymond	Raymond C. and Eleanor G.
30—Amsden, Infant	Lyle W. and Mary L.



### Marriages Recorded in 1947

Date	Names	Residence	Place of Marriage
January :			
5—	Miller, Raymond Carroll	Northfield, Mass.	
	Rose, Eleanor Graves	Sunderland, Mass.	Sunderland, Mass.
17—	Fairgrieve, Richard Crane	Hyattsville, Md.	
	Anderson, Dorothy Grace	Greenfield, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
25—	Edson, Alden Fred	Northfield, Mass.	
	Foley, Lucy Sophia	Greenfield, Mass.	Greenfield, Mass.
February :			
1—	Dresser, Charles Everett	Northfield, Mass.	
	Ladue, Lorraine June	Turners Falls, Mass.	Montague, Mass.
1—	Gibson, Leslie Albert	Northfield, Mass.	
	Foster, Dorothy Annette	Greenfield, Mass.	Greenfield, Mass.
15—	Lilly, Donald Earl	Northfield, Mass.	
	Mitchell, Mary Phyllis	W. Chesterfield, N. H.	Brattleboro, Vt.
April :			
5—	Chamberlin, Roy Eugene	Northfield, Mass.	
	Hebb, Hazel Elizabeth	Bellows Falls, Vt	Providence, R. I.

8—Johnson, Robert Dunnell	Northfield, Mass.	
Dawe, Ruth Alice	Greenfield, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
8—Parminter, Edward Elliott	Lakewood, Ohio	
Farnum, Mattie Ella Kennon	Northfield, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
9—Johnson, Stanley Edward	Northfield, Mass.	
Dresser, Muriel Vera	Northfield, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
11—Kerylow, Joseph	Enosburg Falls, Vt.	
Carpenter, Marjorie Dorothy	Northfield, Mass.	Templeton, Mass.
19—Bartus, Joseph John	Northfield, Mass.	
Berry, Doris Marie	Greenfield, Mass.	Greenfield, Mass.
May :		
5—Huber, Robert Lang	Northfield, Mass.	
Burniske, Eileen Mary	Greenfield, Mass.	Greenfield, Mass.
9—Harris, Richard David	Bernardston, Mass.	
Allen, Carolyn Rikert	Northfield, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
15—Dodenhoff, William J.	Northfield, Mass.	
Richardson, Gladys Evelyn	Northfield, Mass.	Hinsdale, N. H.
June :		
11—Lanoue, Ernest Romeo	Greenfield, Mass.	
Thurston, Jacqueline Valeria	Greenfield, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
12—Patnode, LeRoy Kelsey,	Greenfield, Mass.	
Cembalisty, Ruth Margaret	Northfield, Mass.	Greenfield, Mass.
Phelps		
28—Bistrek, Leon Albine	Northfield, Mass.	
Bouker, Lois Anita	Greenfield, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
28—Flagg, Robert Dana	Northfield, Mass.	
Churchill, Altea June	Northfield, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
July :		
6—Grover, Clifford Bernard	Bernardston, Mass.	
Stone, Isabell Lura	Northfield, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
20—Wight, Joseph Elmer	Remington, Va.	
Dwight, Harriet Gertrude	Northfield, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.

26—Raymond, Claude	Frenchville, Me.	
Brassor, Marion Blanche	Northfield, Mass.	Montague, Mass.

August :

2—Aldrich, Alfred Dennis	Northfield, Mass.	
Bevis, Florence Beverly	Northfield, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
2—Black, William John	Greenfield, Mass.	
Coutu, Jeanne	Northfield, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
4—Barnes, Ellis Channing	Northfield, Mass.	
Boyd, Annie S.	Northfield, Mass.	Brattleboro, Vt.
5—Butynski, Joseph John	Northfield, Mass.	
Marino, Faustine Elizabeth	Greenfield, Mass.	Greenfield, Mass.
14—Vigneau, Edward Martin	Brattleboro, Vt.	
Fisher, Eva May	Guilford, Vt.	Northfield, Mass.
16—Scoble, Edward Stanley	Northfield, Mass.	
Decker, Shirley Ruth	South Deerfield, Mass.	Montague, (M. F.) Mass.
17—Given, Sidney Hobart Jr.	Northfield, Mass.	
Ruhl, Phyllis Elizabeth	Northfield, Mass.	Gill, (Mount Hermon) Mass.
24—Stone, Carl James	Northfield, Mass.	
Wagner, Gloria Jean	Greenfield, Mass.	Greenfield, Mass.

September :

2—Witt, Maurice Walter	Winchendon, Mass.	
Greene, Olive Frances	Winchendon, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
6—Chapin, Robert Raymond	Northfield, Mass.	
McAfee, Mary Martha	Amherst, Mass.	Amherst, Mass.
6—Bolton, James Henry	Northfield, Mass.	
Beaubien, Rosalie Agnes	Millers Falls, Mass.	Montague, (M. F.) Mass.
6—Young, Kenneth Edward	Northfield, Mass.	
Eastman, Marion Abigail (Dow)	Northfield, Mass.	Keene, N. H.
6—Duda, Dominick Paul	Northfield, Mass.	
Whitney, Marilyn Ruth	Northfield, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.



October :

- 4—Snow, Edward Bagg Jr.                      Bernardston, Mass.  
     Bolton, Virginia Ann                      Northfield, Mass.                      Northfield, Mass.
- 10—Smolen, Joseph                      Northfield, Mass.  
     Spaulding, Ruth E.                      Northfield, Mass.                      Brattleboro, Vt.
- 10—Brassor, Robert E.                      Northfield, Mass.  
     Spaulding, Ruth E.                      Northfield, Mass.                      Brattleboro, Vt.
- 11—Holman, Robert Foulk                      Aurora, Ind.  
     Stemler, Caroline Cecelia                      Chicago, Ill.                      Northfield, Mass.
- 18—Mankowsky, Leon Constantine                      Northfield, Mass.  
     Dunklee, Alma Adelaide                      Vernon, Vt.                      Montague, (M. F.) Mass.
- 25—Hurley, John Joseph                      Northfield, Mass.  
     Gowen, Natalie Joy                      Northfield, Mass.                      Montague, (M. F.) Mass.
- 31—Randall, Harlan Emmons                      Northfield, Mass.  
     Chouinard, Virginia Theresa                      Amherst, Mass.                      South Deerfield, Mass.

November :

- 15—Melnik, Raymond                      Wapping, Conn.  
     Lernatowitz, Stella Mary                      Northfield, Mass.                      South Deerfield, Mass.
- 22—Lord, Edward Harold                      Northfield, Mass.  
     Shearer, Charlotte Louise                      Northfield, Mass.                      Northfield, Mass.
- 29—Williams, Howard Delma                      Northfield, Mass.  
     Sytnik, Viola Josephine                      Northfield, Mass.                      Montague, (M. F.) Mass.
- 29—Fioretti, Carl Joseph                      Whitestone, N. Y.  
     Urgielewicz, Amelia Rose                      Northfield, Mass.                      Northfield, Mass.

December :

- 27—Rainey, Joseph Sistrunk                      Denver, Colo.  
     Wright, Mary Adelaide                      Northfield, Mass.                      Northfield, Mass.

## Deaths Recorded in 1947

Date	Name	Yrs.	Age Mos.	Days
January :				
3—	Harness, Frank Walter	71	3	1
10—	Quinlan, Lawrence Stephen	74		15
11—	Ladzinski, Infant			3
February :				
10—	Richardson, Grace Annie	74		8
14—	Garello, Francis Andrew	26	4	
16—	Wyllie, Jennie Ferguson	93	6	26
26—	Crittenden, Alice	80	3	6
March :				
1—	Collier, Frank F.	94		
1—	Dale, Nellie Murphy	78		
8—	Smolen, Bradley John			1
16—	Slate, Edward S.	74	7	15
27—	Gage, Simon	92	1	9
April :				
3—	Russell, Henry W.	68	9	2
9—	Evans, Minnie Pollard	79		
30—	Weston, Mary K.	92		
May :				
6—	Fitt, Arthur Percy	77	7	1
13—	Lombard, Frank Hilar	68	9	1
22—	Allen, Lelia Hicks	93	11	22
26—	Washburn, Edgar Jesse	85	4	1
30—	Ross, Elizabeth	76		
June :				
13—	Gilbert, Charles Lyman	76	9	12
20—	Slate, Harriet Hayden	91	8	27
July :				
3—	Field, George Allen	67	6	1
12—	Holton, Meda Stratton	76	4	22
12—	Hodous, Anna J.	73	3	17
31—	Lemaire, Victoria	84	10	4
August :				
5—	McGinn, James	87		
6—	Goodspeed, Edward	85	7	
13—	Taylor, Ellen Louise Johannot	86	10	22
14—	Millard, Herbert Francis	86	5	6

September :

2—Cook, Birdie L.	74	11	15
9—Aldrich, Alfred Dennis	25	1	21
28—Alexander, Louise Jane	71		

October :

4—Williams, James E.	2	1	19
9—Smalley, Evelyn May	48	5	24
10—Dickerson, Emeline Marble Fletcher	83	10	5
26—Mann, Chester A.	79	5	7

November :

2—Demers, George Charles	79		5
2—Whitman, Mary L.	85	10	4
23—Morse, Edward Livingston	76	8	9
23—Stillborn			
28—Whitney, Mervin Leslie	69	1	2

December :

7—Shaw, Claude Martin	85	8	8
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### Dog Licenses Issued in 1947

Male Dogs .....	150
Female .....	24
Female (Spayed) .....	83
Special Kennel (\$10.00) .....	6
Kennel (\$25.00) .....	1
Military .....	1
Total .....	265



### Sporting Licenses Issued in 1947

Resident Fishing .....	99
Resident Hunting .....	102
Resident Sporting .....	150
Minor's and Women's Fishing .....	82
Resident Trapping License .....	2
Special Non-Resident Fishing .....	10
Non-Resident Fishing .....	28
Non-Resident Hunting .....	10

Duplicates .....	7
Resident Citizens' Sporting (free) .....	33
Resident Citizens' Military (free) .....	3
Total .....	526



### Copy of the Votes Taken on the Articles in the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting, February 3, 1947

Article 1. Voted to accept the several reports of the Town Officers as printed in the Town Report.

Article 2. Voted and chose by ballot the necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year with the following results:

Town Clerk, 1 year	Josephine S. Haskell	351
Town Treasurer, 1 year	Charles F. Slate	355
Selectmen, 1 year	George W. Carr	325
	Ernest A. Parker	336
	George H. Sheldon	326
Assessor, 3 years	Clifford A. Field	339
Moderator, 1 year	George McEwan	321
School Committee Member, 3 years	Marian C. Billings	158
	Irving J. Lawrence	204
Cemetery Commissioner, 3 years	George N. Kidder	340
Cemetery Commissioner, 1 year	Charles C. Morgan	336
To fill vacancy,		
Library Trustees, 3 years	Mercy A. Brann	325
	Joseph W. Field	322
Tree Warden, 1 year	Leslie A. Martin	141
	Dean W. Williams	219
Tax Collector, 1 year	Charles F. Slate	350
Constables, 1 year	Harry M. Haskell	327
	Joseph G. Morgan	332
	Martin E. Vorce	328
Constable, 1 year - resident of		
Northfield Farms	Murray M. Hammond	343
Planning Board Member, 5 years	F. Wilton Dean	310
Question of Equal Pay for Men and Women Teachers,	Yes	233
	No	77

Article 3. Voted to authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1947, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew such note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws, any debt or debts incurred

under this vote to be paid from the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1947.

Article 4. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75. for the use of the Library at Northfield Farms.

Article 5. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$150. to be used by the Tree Warden in the care and preservation of shade trees.

Article 6. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3000. for lighting the streets.

Article 7. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100. for tools for highway work.

Article 8. Voted to raise and appropriate the following sums of money to defray town charges for the ensuing year.

Schools,	\$58,089.00
Treasurer, Salary	600.00
Expense Account	140.00
Bridges,	1,000.00
Soldiers' Relief	2,500.00
Alexander Hall	175.00
Inspection of Animals	150.00
Dog Officer	50.00
Selectmen, Salary	900.00
Expense Account	100.00
Road Machinery Fund, - Transfer from Machinery Acct.	2,000.00
Old Age Assistance,	28,000.00
Public Welfare Clerk,	150.00
School Committee Salary,	150.00
Inspection Meat & Slaughtering,	200.00
Public Health,	400.00
Moderator and Counsel,	250.00
Town Reports,	400.00
Bonds and Damages,	400.00
Fire Department,	1,700.00
Maintenance of Water Holes,	200.00
Department of Public Welfare,	5,000.00
Aid to Dependent Children,	5,200.00
Town Clerk, Salary	400.00
Expense Account	40.00
Elections and Registrations,	500.00
Fire and Casualty Insurance,	1,200.00
Sealer Weights and Measures,	125.00
Sealer's Expense Account	25.00
Accountant's Salary	700.00
Expense Account	40.00
Assessors', Salary	1,250.00



Expense Account	75.00
Town Hall Care,	3,000.00
Interest Account,	300.00
Town Clock and Fountain,	150.00
Snow Removal,	5,000.00
Public Safety,	50.00
Road Signs,	100.00

Article 9. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for the salary of the Tax Collector, and \$150.00 for expense account.

Article 10. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,300.00 for the care and maintenance of the Dickinson Memorial Library, this sum to include the fines collected and the dox tax.

Article 11. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$850.00 to be used in the extermination of the gypsy moth.

Article 12. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3000.00 to paint the interior and exterior of the Town Hall.

Article 13. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,050.00 for the salary of the Community Nurse and substitute.

Article 14. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50.00 for the Community Nurse's expense account.

Article 15. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$350.00 for the expense of the Community Nurse's car.

Article 16. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,500.00 to install drainage system on the Beers Plain Road beginning near the residence of the Ware brothers, and running to Edson's Brook.

Article 17. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 to be used in putting up railing.

Article 18. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,500.00 to pay the note due on the new Grade School building debt.

Article 19. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$850.00 for the care and preservation of cemeteries, \$250.00 of this sum to be used to care for the cemetery at Northfield Farms.

Article 20. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,875.00 to meet the town's share of the cost of Chapter 81 highway repairs and improvements, and the sum of \$14,625.00 be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury, to meet the State's share of the cost of the work, the reimbursement from the State to be restored upon its receipt, to the unappropriated available funds in the Treasury. The Selectmen are hereby authorized to enter into contract with the Board of Public Works, Division of Highways, for repair and improvement of roads and highways exclusive of State Highways.

Article 21. Voted that the sum of \$1,000.00 be raised and appropriated to meet the town's share of the cost of Chapter 90 Highway maintenance and construction, and that in addition the sum of \$3,000.00 be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury to meet the State and County's share of the cost of the work, the reimbursement from the State and County to be restored, upon its receipt to unappropriated available funds in the Treasury.

Article 22. Voted to appropriate from Cemetery Lot Fund the sum of \$235.00 to be used in oiling the roads in the Center Cemetery.

Article 23. Voted to empower the Selectmen to defend the town in any suit brought against the town.

Article 24. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,555.00 for equipment and further improvements in the Town Hall Kitchen, and that the present committee be authorized to continue to serve.

Article 25. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$600.00 to surface the driveways around the Town Hall.

Article 26. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 to repair sidewalks.

Article 27. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$175.00 for Memorial Day Exercises the same to be expended under the direction of the American Legion.

Article 28. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 for Constables' pay.

Article 29. Voted to authorize the Selectmen to appoint one of their members as Clerk for the Aid to Dependent Children and Old Age Assistance and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 for salary for the Clerk.

Article 30. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 to be used to purchase fish to be liberated in the Town of Northfield, under the supervision of the Selectmen.

Article 31. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 for the construction of a cement sidewalk on east side of Main Street, extending from Warwick Avenue, northward if the abutters will pay half.

Article 32. This article was lost by paper ballot 47 to 58.

Article 33. Voted to appropriate from Overlay Reserve the sum of \$2,000.00 for a reserve fund.

Article 34. Voted to authorize the Selectmen to appoint a committee of the three Selectmen and four members of the fire department to investigate plans for a new fire house and report at the next annual town meeting, or at a special town meeting.

Charles L. Johnson, Fred I Bolton, Willis K. Parker, Alfred

E. Holton were appointed to serve on this committee with the Selectmen.

Article 35. Voted to authorize the Selectmen to investigate plans for a town garage and report at the next annual meeting, or at a special town meeting.

Article 36. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 to purchase an adding machine for the use of the Tax Collector and Treasurer.

Article 37. This article was passed over because of illegality.

Article 38. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 for the care of the Athletic Field and to appoint George M. Leonard as Park Commissioner for 1 year.

Article 39. This article was passed over at request of the Park Commissioner.

Article 40. Voted that the report of this committee be accepted with thanks and the committee be discharged and replaced with a World War Memorial Community School Building Plan Committee of nine persons to investigate building sites and plans. This committee shall be appointed by the incoming moderator and shall include one representative each of the Board of Selectmen, the School Board, the American Legion, The Fortnightly Club, and at least one veteran of World War II, and World War I.

Article 41. Voted to authorize the Selectmen to present a copy of The Puritan Outpost to the Northfield Historical Society.

Article 42. Voted to accept the report of the Cemetery Land Committee and discharge the committee with thanks.

Article 43. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$63. to install street lights on Glen Road.

Article 44. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$42. to install two street lights on the Millers Falls Road near the group of houses south of Frank Garfield's.

Article 45. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$42. to install two street lights on the Millers Falls Road between the residence of Frank Bartus and the Erving Line.

Article 46. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$21. to erect and maintain a street light at the corner of Birnam Road and Hotel Road.

Article 47. Voted to change the present method of electing the Selectmen as follows,—election of one Selectman for three years, election of one Selectman for two years, and election of one Selectman for one year; one Selectman each year for three year term thereafter, to begin in 1948.

Article 48. Voted to transfer \$15,000.00 from Surplus Revenue to reduce the tax rate.

Article 49. Voted to accept from the American Youth Hostels, Inc., the sum of \$20. the same to be added by the assessors to estimated receipts and available funds when setting the tax rate.

Article 50. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100. to be used in making repairs on abandoned school houses.

Article 51. Voted to authorize the Selectmen to sell certain real estate acquired through tax title procedure.

After the reading of the Warrant by the Clerk, Rev. Hazel Rogers Gredler gave the invocation. Recess for dinner was declared at 12 o'clock, and the meeting reconvened at 1:30 p. m.

The Moderator announced the appointment of A. Gordon Moody and Ross L. Spencer as members of the Finance Committee.

JOSEPHINE S. HASKELL, Town Clerk.

**Copy of the Votes Taken on the Articles in the Warrant for  
the Special Town Meeting, March 27, 1947.**

Article 1. Voted to rescind the Vote taken on Article 32, at the Annual Town Meeting.

Article 2. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400.00 for hydrant service for fifteen hydrants, the same to be paid to the Northfield Water Company for water supplying the hydrants for fire protection.

Paper ballot was taken with the following results.

Yes . .	91
No . .	34
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Total	125

JOSEPHINE S. HASKELL,

Town Clerk.

# Town Treasurer's Report



Balance January 1, 1947	\$ 44,206.53	
Receipts 1947	211,711.99	
	<hr/>	\$255,918.52
Payments per Warrants	\$207,348.27	
Cemetery Funds deposited per Warrants	250.00	
Cash on hand December 31, 1947	2,712.14	
Franklin County Trust Co.	45,608.11	
	<hr/>	\$255,918.52

## Franklin County Trust Company of Greenfield

Balance December 31, 1947 per Statement	\$ 56,072.12
Outstanding checks December 31, 1947 per list	\$ 10,464.01
Balance December 31, 1947 per check book	45,608.11
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	\$ 56,072.12

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES F. SLATE,

*Treasurer.*



# Treasurer's Report of Trust Funds



## Edward D. Priest and Others—West Northfield

### Cemetery Fund

	<i>Savings Deposits</i>	<i>Securities</i>	<i>Total</i>
On hand January 1, 1947	\$ 3,170.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 7,170.00
On hand December 31, 1947	3,170.00	4,000.00	7,170.00
Receipts of Interest			233.71

### J. W. Cowles Center Cemetery Fund

	<i>Savings Deposits</i>	<i>Securities</i>	<i>Total</i>
On hand January 1, 1947	\$ 2,000.00		\$ 2,000.00
On hand December 31, 1947	2,000.00		2,000.00
Receipts of Interest			40.20



### Calvin Stearns Center Cemetery Fund

	<i>Savings Deposits</i>	<i>Securities</i>	<i>Total</i>
On hand January 1, 1947	\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00
On hand December 31, 1947	500.00		500.00
Receipts of Interest			10.05

### Belcher Center School Fund

	<i>Savings Deposits</i>	<i>Securities</i>	<i>Total</i>
On hand January 1, 1947	\$ 1,050.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 1,250.00
On hand December 31, 1947	1,050.00	200.00	1,250.00
Receipts of Interest			26.10

### Belcher Center Cemetery Fund

	<i>Savings Deposits</i>	<i>Securities</i>	<i>Total</i>
On hand January 1, 1947	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
On hand December 31, 1947	1,000.00	1,000.00	2,000.00
Receipts of Interest			45.10

### Lottie Evans Charity Fund

	<i>Savings Deposits</i>	<i>Securities</i>	<i>Total</i>
On hand January 1, 1947	\$ 740.52		
Interest 1947	14.87		\$ 755.39

### George F. Morgan Charity Fund

	<i>Savings Deposits</i>	<i>Securities</i>	<i>Total</i>
On hand January 1, 1947	\$ 3,000.00		\$ 3,000.00
On hand December 31, 1947	3,000.00		3,000.00
Receipts of Interest			60.30

### Surplus Revenue School Fund

	<i>Savings Deposits</i>	<i>Securities</i>	<i>Total</i>
On hand January 1, 1947	\$ 1,600.00		\$ 1,600.00
On hand December 31, 1947	1,600.00		1,600.00
Receipts of Interest			32.16

### Belcher Library Fund

	<i>Savings Deposits</i>	<i>Securities</i>	<i>Total</i>
On hand January 1, 1947	\$ 9,439.01	\$ 300.00	\$ 9,739.01
On hand December 31, 1947	9,439.01	300.00	9,739.01
Receipts of Interest			197.15

### Charles P. Dickinson Library Book Fund

	<i>Savings Deposits</i>	<i>Securities</i>	<i>Total</i>
On hand January 1, 1947	\$ 3,000.00		\$ 3,000.00
On hand December 31, 1947	3,000.00		3,000.00
Receipts of Interest			60.30

### Post-War Rehabilitation Fund

	<i>Savings Deposits</i>	<i>Securities</i>	<i>Total</i>
On hand January 1, 1947	\$ 654.53	\$10,000.00	\$10,654.53
Receipts of Interest 1947	250.00		
Interest on Savings Deposits	7.86		
On hand December 31, 1947	\$ 912.39	\$10,000.00	\$10,912.39

### Mary H. Callender Mt. Hermon Cemetery Fund

	<i>Savings Deposits</i>	<i>Securities</i>	<i>Total</i>
On hand January 1, 1947	\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00
On hand December 31, 1947	500.00		500.00
Receipts of Interest			8.37

### Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds

	<i>Savings Deposits</i>	<i>Securities</i>	<i>Total</i>
On hand January 1, 1947			\$11,714.75
On hand December 31, 1947			12,264.75
Receipts of Interest	\$ 222.29		
Receipts of Bequests	550.00		772.29
Deposited in Savings Bank	\$ 250.00		
To be deposited in Savings Bank	300.00		
Interest transferred to Town	222.29		\$ 772.29



### LIST OF CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS

<i>Center Cemetery</i>			
Augustus W. Holton	\$100.00	William R. Moody	100.00
Carpenter Winchester	100.00	Charles Alexander and	
Thomas R. Callender	50.00	Richard Colton	200.00
John E. Nye	100.00	A. M. D. Alexander	300.00
Clinton A. Ware	150.00	James White	100.00
George Hastings and		Katherine Gaeng	100.00
Dr. Stratton White	100.00	Elijar E. Belding	100.00
Isaac Cook and		Elijar Belding	125.00
Wright Stratton	100.00	Lucy M. Webster	500.00
John L. Mattoon	100.00	Augustus L. Day	100.00
Sarah E. Minat	150.00	Charles Merriman and	
James Pickard	100.00	Cornelius Hilliard	300.00
		Rose A. Holton	100.00

J. Wesley Mann	100.00
Andrew E. and Arthur H. Lyman	400.00
Edward B. Stearns	50.00
B. F. Field and Charles Pomeroy	100.00
Charles Osgood	300.00
Louis F. Bartlett	100.00
Sherman Nye Bartlett	100.00
John F. Rice	100.00
Hezekiah and Elizabeth Stratton	80.00
Hezekiah and Mollie Stratton	80.00
Rufus and Asenath Stratton	80.00
William H. Phelps	200.00
Elizabeth M. Purple	200.00
Sarah Jane Whithead	50.00
Bessie Severance	100.00
Lewis Fowler	50.00
Jessamine W. Polhemus	100.00
Adeline W. Moody	100.00
Mrs. Norman MacGaffin	50.00
Clara B. Torrey	100.00
Herbert E. Robbins	200.00
Samuel E. Walker	200.00
J. I. Greenleaf	300.00
M. Margaret Laird	100.00
Albert S. Brigham	100.00
Mary L. Wright	125.00
Charles Blackmer	50.00
M. Bemis and Otis Field	50.00
Alvin Long	50.00
Dorothy P. Bruce	150.00
George - Artemus - Marshall Nye	200.00
Johnson Fund	123.06
Cora B. Preston and Asa Holton	100.00
George C. Stebbins	50.00
Charles Stebbins	100.00
Levi Fay	150.00
Harvey J. Evans	50.00
Walter D. Crane	100.00
<i>South Mountain Cemetery</i>	
Alice J. Bigelow	\$100.00

*West Northfield Cemetery*

Caroline B. Lane	\$150.00
George W. Snow	200.00
Henry M. Yerrington	100.00
"Pennock" Cemetery Fund	100.00
Cora B. Preston and Pitts W. Preston	100.00

*Northfield Farms Cemetery*

Leroy Weatherhead	\$ 75.00
Oscar and Frank V. Wood	50.00
Rufus Stratton and Oren Darling	150.00
William H. Stratton	100.00
Asahel and Alner Sawyer	100.00
Elisha and Elihu Stratton	200.00
Samuel A. Holton	200.00
Brigham Gage and David Clowes	100.00
Samuel Pratt	25.00
George M. Chamberlain	75.00
Ada E. Chamberlain and Sarah Morgan	75.00
Charles C. Morgan	100.00
Marcellus D. Stratton	100.00
Elvira A. Morgan	50.00
M. Maria Foss	200.00
Elisa Groves	51.69
Ritta R. Barrett	100.00
Fred W. Ruggles	100.00
Inez E. Holton	50.00
Mary A. Stratton	100.00
Ernest C. Field	100.00
Larkin E. Fisher and Frank Lucy Ross	50.00
Henry W. Montague	200.00
James and William Merriam	100.00

*Mount Hermon Cemetery*

Henry F. Cutler	\$100.00
Horace F. Holton	100.00
L. Lormier Drury	100.00
Alice V. Watson	150.00
Anna Bell McMillan	100.00

# Tax Collector's Report



## Taxes 1945

Outstanding January 1, 1947		\$ 4,008.40
Payments to Treasurer	\$ 3,923.40	
Abatements	85.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 4,008.40

## Taxes 1946

Outstanding January 1, 1947		\$ 10,770.14
Payments to Treasurer	\$ 5,291.98	
Abatements	97.00	
Outstanding December 31, 1947	5,381.16	
	<hr/>	\$ 10,770.14

## Taxes 1947

Commitments per Warrants	\$100,586.15	
Additional Commitments	129.75	
Abatement after payment refunded	27.50	
	<hr/>	\$100,743.40
Payments to Treasurer	\$ 83,916.86	
Abatements	765.00	
Added to Tax Titles	171.50	
Outstanding December 31, 1947	15,890.04	
	<hr/>	\$100,743.40

## Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes 1946

Outstanding January 1, 1947	\$ 352.51	
Additional Commitments	131.28	
	<hr/>	\$ 483.79
Payments to Treasurer	\$ 483.79	
	<hr/>	\$ 483.79

## Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes 1947

Commitments per Warrants	\$ 7,049.79	
Abatements after payment refunded	135.67	
	<hr/>	\$ 7,185.46
Payments to Treasurer	\$ 5,097.21	
Abatements	251.17	
Outstanding December 31, 1947	1,837.08	
	<hr/>	\$ 7,185.46

## Interest and Costs on Taxes

### Collections of 1947 Interest: .

Levy of 1945	\$ 263.56	
Levy of 1946	130.32	
Levy of 1947	24.91	
	<hr/>	\$ 418.79

### Motor Vehicle Excise Interest:

Levy of 1946	\$ 10.25	
Levy of 1947	2.44	
	<hr/>	\$ 12.69

### Costs of Taxes:

Levy of 1945	\$ 15.80	
Levy of 1946	3.15	
Levy of 1947	1.05	
	<hr/>	\$ 20.00

### Costs of Motor Vehicle Excise:

Levy of 1946	\$ 24.25	
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		\$ 475.73

### Payments to Treasurer 1947:

Interest	\$ 431.48	
Costs	44.25	
	<hr/>	\$ 475.73

## Tax Titles

Balance January 1, 1947	\$ 620.29	
Added to Tax Titles:		
Taxes 1947	\$ 171.50	
Interest	1.25	
	<hr/>	\$ 172.75
		\$ 793.04
Tax Titles Foreclosed	\$ 17.35	
Balance December 31, 1947 per list	775.69	
	<hr/>	\$ 793.04

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES F. SLATE,

*Collector of Taxes.*



# Town Accountant's Report



In compliance with the provisions of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, I submit the following report of the Accountant's Department for the calendar year ending December 31, 1947, including the source of all receipts, detail of appropriations and expenditures, statement of trust funds and town debt, and a balance sheet showing the financial condition of the town January 1, 1948.

FRED H. DOOLITTLE,  
Town Accountant.

## ANALYSIS OF TREASURER'S RECEIPTS

Taxes from 1945	\$ 3,923.40	
Taxes from 1946	5,291.98	
Taxes from 1947	83,916.86	
	<hr/>	\$ 93,132.24
Tax Title		17.35
Motor Vehicle Excise for 1946	483.79	
Motor Vehicle Excise for 1947	4,997.21	
	<hr/>	\$ 5,481.00
From State		
Income Tax	\$ 6,721.68	
Corporation Tax	4,019.43	
Reimbursement for Loss of Taxes	188.61	
Gas Tax	4,507.40	
State Tax	1,374.07	
	<hr/>	\$ 16,811.19
Licenses		
Selectmen	\$ 85.70	
Health	21.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 106.70
Dog License	\$ 616.40	
Withholding Tax	4,835.70	
County Returns	282.15	
	<hr/>	\$ 5,734.25
From County		
Dog Fund	\$ 372.75	
Dog Officer	40.00	
Court Fines	76.50	
Highways - Chapter 90	1,000.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,489.25

From State

Highways Chapter, 81-1946	\$ 1,390.17	
Highways, Chapter 81 - 1947	12,916.76	
Mass. State School Fund	9,399.42	
Union Superintendent	676.67	
Vocational Education	849.45	
Tuition and Transportation	803.47	
Meal Tax	1,287.35	
Transportation	7,319.00	
Inspection of Animals	69.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 34,711.39

**Protection of Persons and Property**

Sealers Fees	\$ 32.70	
Fire Department	16.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 48.70

**Health**

Nurse Fees	\$ 387.85	
	<hr/>	\$ 387.85

**Charities**

State Temporary Aid	\$ 370.66	
State A. D. C.	2,203.20	
State O. A. A.	17,386.69	
Other Towns O. A. A.	1,472.60	
U. S. Grant O. A. A.	17,816.14	
U. S. Grant, O. A. A. Administrator	594.03	
U. S. Grant A. D. C.	2,347.57	
U. S. Grant A. D. C. Adminstrator	24.62	
	<hr/>	\$ 42,215.51

**Schools**

Tuition and Transportation	\$ 368.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 368.00

**Unclassified**

Collector's Fees	\$ 44.25	
Town Hall, Rent	193.00	
Alexander Hall, Rent	12.00	
Library Fines	185.75	
Machinery Account	3,574.99	
Sidewalk Construction, Abutters	436.32	
Tailings Account	12.20	
	<hr/>	\$ 4,458.51

## Interest

Interest on		
Deferred Taxes	\$	440.24
George F. Morgan Fund		76.31
Elisha Alexander Fund		40.40
Surplus Revenue		32.16
Belcher Ct. School Fund		26.10
Cemetery Funds (Treasurer)		548.32
Cemetery Funds (Selectmen)		6.06
Cemetery Funds (Stearns)		10.05
Cemetery Funds (Calender)		8.37
Library Fund		197.15
C. P. Dickinson Book Fund		60.30
Post War Fund		250.00
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	\$	1,699.86

## Cemeteries

Perpetual Care Funds	\$	4,550.00
Sale of Lots		220.00
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	\$	4,770.00

## Refunds

Schools	\$	159.26
Town of Warwick		10.00
Tin Salvage		16.28
Sehell Bridge (Damage)		24.80
Temporary Aid		34.01
O. A. A.		16.75
A. D. C.		14.00
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	\$	275.10
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Total Cash Receipts for 1947		\$211,711.99
Cash on Hand January 1, 1947		44,206.53
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		\$255,918.52



## EXPENDITURES

### Town Hall

Appropriation	\$	3,000.00
Appropriation By Transfer		218.27
Total Credits		<hr/>
	\$	3,218.27

Payments	
H. M. Haskell	\$ 90.00
Chas. F. Slate	1,250.00
Western Mass. Electric Co.	198.48
Northfield Water Co.	14.24
F. M. Dunnell	865.00
H. W. Hammond	7.65
Alfred Holton	231.47
W. D. Miller	266.58
Leavis & Bolton	93.09
Ryan Bros.	67.48
C. B. Dolge	5.85
Spencer Bros.	44.00
Com. of Public Safety	5.00
Frank Anderson	33.00
Clark's Hardware	10.50
J. J. Bartus	15.00
Telechron Co.	3.64
E. A. Parker	8.00
Morgan's N. E. Store	1.68
Northfield School for Girls	7.61
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	\$ 3,218.27

### Painting Town Hall

Appropriation \$ 3,000.00

Payments	
Stanley G. Barfitt	\$ 2,323.50
G. N. Kidder	403.45
Leavis & Bolton	112.95
C. B. Dolge	133.95
Max W. Huber	10.00
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	\$ 2,983.85
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	16.15
	<hr/>
	\$ 3,000.00

### Equipment For Improvements in Town Hall Kitchen

Appropriation	\$ 1,555.00
Payments	
W. D. Miller	\$ 481.76
Northfield School for Girls	199.19
Leavis and Bolton	212.92

Rugg Mfg. Co.	18.00	
J. J. Bartus	27.00	
Mrs. Maud Montague	3.00	
Frances G. Dwight	3.00	
Helen M. Stearns	3.00	
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	\$ 947.87	
Unexpended Balance to 1948	607.13	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,555.00

### Surfacing Town Hall Drive

Appropriation		\$ 600.00
	Payments	
Peter Yarmac	\$ 600.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 600.00

### Selectmen

Appropriation		\$ 900.00
	Payments	
Ernest A. Parker	\$ 300.00	
George W. Carr	300.00	
George H. Sheldon	300.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 900.00

### Selectmen's Expense Account

Appropriation	\$ 100.00	
Appropriation By Transfer	36.35	
Total Credit	<hr/>	\$ 136.35
	Payments	
New Eng. Tel. & Tel.	\$ 33.30	
Hobbs & Warren	19.00	
Johnson & Johnson	19.65	
Greenfield Recorder-Gazette	8.45	
Mass. Selectmen's Association	31.00	
George W. Carr	4.00	
George H. Sheldon	2.00	
Ernest A. Parker	18.85	
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	\$ 136.25	
Unexpended Balance to Reserve Fund	.10	
	<hr/>	\$ 136.35

### Moderator and Counsel

Appropriation	\$ 250.00
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	Payments		
William F. Hoehn		\$ 15.00	
Stoddard, Ball & Bartlett		201.54	
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		\$ 216.54	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue		33.46	
		<hr/>	
		\$	250.00

### Tax Collector

Appropriation			\$ 500.00
	Payments		
Charles F. Slate		\$ 500.00	
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		\$	500.00

### Tax Collector (Expense Account)

Appropriation		\$ 150.00	
Appropriation, by Transfer		10.51	
Total Credit		<hr/>	
		\$	160.51
	Payments		
M. C. Skilton		\$ 55.52	
Hobbs & Warren		48.93	
Barre Gazette Press		18.87	
Charles F. Slate		23.00	
Rand-Shaw Agency		5.00	
Harold La Plante		8.19	
Mass. Collector's Association		1.00	
		<hr/>	
		\$	160.51

### Collector (Adding Machine)

Appropriation			\$ 100.00
	Payments		
Charles F. Slate		\$ 70.85	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue		29.15	
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		\$	100.00

### Treasurer

Appropriation			\$ 600.00
	Payments		
Charles F. Slate		\$ 600.00	
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		\$	600.00

**Treasurer**  
**(Expense Account)**

Appropriation	\$	140.00	
Appropriation by Transfer		31.54	
Total Credits		<hr/>	\$ 171.54
Payments			
M. C. Skilton	\$	45.62	
Lawrence Quinlan		7.00	
Charles F. Slate		30.56	
Franklin Co. Trust Co.		48.41	
Treasurer's Association		1.00	
The Bookstore		38.95	
		<hr/>	\$ 171.54

**Town Clerk**

Appropriation, Salary	\$	400.00	
Appropriation, Expense Account		40.00	
Total Credit		<hr/>	\$ 440.00
Payments			
Josephine S. Haskell	\$	400.00	
Hobbs & Warren		30.50	
American Writing Ink Co.		1.12	
Robinson Seal Co.		7.59	
		<hr/>	
	\$	439.21	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue		.79	
		<hr/>	\$ 440.00

**Election and Registration**

Appropriation	\$	500.00	
Payments			
C. L. Johnson, Registrars	\$	67.00	
Harry Gingras		67.00	
C. L. Gilbert, Registrars		7.00	
E. Hurley, Registrars		60.00	
Josephine Haskell, Registrars		7.00	
Election Officers, 8 at 8.50		68.00	
Northfield Press		28.75	
Robinson Seal Co.		15.22	
Josephine S. Haskell		30.34	
		<hr/>	
	\$	350.31	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue		149.69	
		<hr/>	\$ 500.00

**Assessors and Clerk**

Appropriation		\$ 1,250.00
	Payments	
Fred S. Merrifield	\$ 250.00	
Clifford A. Field	250.00	
Ernest A. Parker	250.00	
Ernest A. Parker, Clerk,	500.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,250.00

**Assessors and Clerk****(Expense Account)**

Appropriation	\$ 75.00	
Appropriation by Transfer	2.14	
Total Credits	<hr/>	\$ 77.14
	Payments	
Robinson Seal Co.	\$ 4.46	
Hobbs & Warren	52.08	
Stoneham Independent	1.00	
Assessor's Association	6.00	
Fred S. Merrifield	2.00	
Clifford A. Field	2.00	
Ernest A. Parker	9.60	
	<hr/>	\$ 77.14

**Accountant**

Appropriation, salary	\$ 700.00	
Appropriation, Expense Acct.	40.00	
Total Credit	<hr/>	\$ 740.00
	Payments	
Fred H. Doolittle	\$ 700.00	
The Bookstore	5.12	
Hobbs & Warren	2.42	
C. H. Demond	6.20	
F. H. Doolittle	15.20	
	<hr/>	\$ 728.94
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	11.06	
	<hr/>	\$ 740.00

**Fire Department**

Appropriation		\$ 1,700.00
	Payments	
C. L. Johnson	\$ 147.50	
Andrew Gray	112.50	
Alfred Holton	23.50	
Edward Bolton	43.00	
Clifford Bolton	38.00	

Fred I. Bolton	28.00	
Harrison Stacy	9.50	
Francis Reed	20.50	
George Lombard	7.00	
Charles Browning, Jr.	33.50	
Verne Ware	15.50	
E. Cullum	10.00	
Willis Parker	26.50	
Roy Barrows	4.00	
Lee Sheldon	8.00	
James Dale	17.50	
Joseph Morgan	35.50	
George W. Carr	6.50	
Dr. Bronson	12.00	
Sundry Persons	11.50	
	<hr/>	\$ 610.00

Telephone	\$ 71.16	
Western Mass. Electric Co.	10.47	
F. M. Dunnell	109.14	
Jordan Motor Sales	61.51	
Morgan's Garage	13.82	
Bill's Service Station	12.58	
Avery's Store	7.92	
Irish & Morgan	1.40	
Johnson & Johnson	8.00	
David Deane	283.07	
The Burden Bryant Co.	31.51	
Colton's Insurance Agency	155.00	
James R. Shea	6.00	
Willis K. Parker	57.62	
James H. Emerson	39.46	
	<hr/>	\$ 868.66
		\$ 1,478.66

Unexpended Balance to Revenue	221.34
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	\$ 1,700.00

### Water Holes

Appropriation	\$ 200.00
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### Payments

John Makin	\$ 50.00
Frank Anderson	68.38

C. L. Johnson	12.00		
Richard Summers	4.25		
Joseph Billman, Jr.	4.25		
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	\$ 138.88		
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	61.12		
	<hr/>	\$	200.00
	<b>Hydrant Service</b>		
Appropriation		\$	400.00
Payment			
Northfield Water Co.	\$ 400.00		
	<hr/>	\$	400.00
	<b>Constable Pay</b>		
Appropriation	\$ 300.00		
" By Transfer	5.95		
Total Credits	<hr/>	\$	305.95
Payments			
M. E. Vorce	\$ 119.36		
Joseph Morgan	29.65		
Harry Haskell	121.90		
W. K. Parker	5.50		
John Addison	2.00		
M. M. Hammond	23.04		
Dean Williams	4.50		
	<hr/>	\$	305.95
	<b>Dog Officer</b>		
Appropriation	\$ 50.00		
" By Transfer	3.32		
Payments	<hr/>	\$	53.32
Gilbert Hammond	\$ 53.32		
	<hr/>	\$	53.32
	<b>Public Safety</b>		
Appropriation		\$	50.00
Payments			
Chas. L. Johnson	\$ 6.00		
The H. & D. Fulson Co.	29.80		
	<hr/>	\$	35.80
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	14.20		
	<hr/>	\$	50.00
	<b>Inspection of Animals</b>		
Appropriation		\$	150.00
Payments			
Gilbert Hammond	\$ 112.50		
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	37.50		
	<hr/>	\$	150.00



### Sealer of Weights and Measures

Appropriation, Salary	\$ 125.00	
Appropriation, Expense Account	25.00	
		\$ 150.00
Payments		
John Field	\$ 125.00	
Robinson Seal Co.	5.82	
	\$ 130.82	
		\$ 150.00
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	\$ 19.18	

### Inspection of Meat and Slaughter

Appropriation		\$ 200.00
Payments		
Horace W. Bolton	71.50	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	128.50	
		\$ 200.00

### Insurance

Appropriation		\$ 1,200.00
Payments		
Arthur P. Fitt Agency		
Liability	\$ 455.50	
Fire	725.98	
	\$ 1,181.48	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	18.52	
		\$ 1,200.00

### Gypsy Moth

Appropriation		\$ 850.00
Payments		
Frank Anderson	163.20	
Calvin Kenney	16.80	
Richard Summers	64.40	
Francis Tenney	81.20	
B. F. Lawrence, Tree Expert	462.50	
Frank Anderson, Truck	57.40	
	\$ 845.50	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	4.50	
		\$ 850.00

### Tree Warden

Appropriation	\$ 150.00	
Payments		
John F. Field	\$ 147.50	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	2.50	
		\$ 150.00

### Planting and Care of Trees

Appropriation			
Balance from 1946			\$ 121.34
	Payments		
John F. Field		\$ 3.75	
Dean W. Williams		6.20	
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		\$ 9.95	
Unexpended Balance to 1948		111.39	
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			\$ 121.34

### Tax Title Foreclosure

Appropriation By Transfer			\$ 3.00
	Payments		
Charles F. Slate		\$ 3.00	
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			\$ 3.00

### Community Nurse and Substitute

Appropriation			\$ 2,050.00
	Payments		
Natalie Gowan Hurley		\$ 1,950.00	
Lois W. Field		100.00	
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			\$ 2,050.00

### Car for Community Nurse

#### (Car Expense)

Appropriation			\$ 350.00
	Payments		
Spencer Bros.		\$ 118.14	
G. C. Buffam		16.76	
Stearns' Garage		18.79	
Morgan's Garage		36.98	
Roy Fish		99.14	
Registry of Motor Vehicles		2.00	
Natalie Hurley		4.21	
C. I. Lord		8.00	
W. D. Miller		.90	
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		\$ 304.92	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue		45.08	
		<hr/>	
			\$ 350.00

### Community Nurse

#### (Expense Account)

Appropriation			\$ 50.00
	Payments		
Natalie Gowan Hurley		\$ 8.33	
Johnson & Johnson		9.50	

Mead & Wheeler	2.48	
Northfield Pharmacy	.50	

	\$ 20.81	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	29.19	
		\$ 50.00

### Health

Appropriation		\$ 400.00
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### Payments

Town of Greenfield	\$ 41.40
Greenfield Recorder-Gazette	2.81
Alexander Nadas, M. D.	75.00
Hobbs & Warren	3.50
Northfield Press	.75
J. S. Haskell (Vital Statistics)	149.50

	\$ 272.96
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	127.04
	\$ 400.00

## Highways—Chapter 81

### Appropriation:

Town Share	\$ 4,875.00
State Share	14,625.00
Transfer	.01

Total Credits	\$19,500.01
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### Payments

Ralph V. Gibson, Superintendent	\$ 1,566.06
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### Labor:

Robert Strange	1,021.40
Robert Strange, Jr.	301.70
Ignac Billman	746.70
Henry Bassett	840.93
Ernest Kenney	830.40
Joseph Billman, Jr.	408.10
A. A. Wiley	339.80
Kenneth Ruhl	111.36
Richard Strange	108.00
Forest Carey	98.80
Clifford Holton	16.80
Paul Gibson	5.60
Franklin Berry	5.60
Herman Fisher	79.48
Leon Randall	1,104.53
Herbert Black	997.25

	\$ 8,582.45
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Trucks and Materials:

Town Truck #4	\$ 923.03
Town Truck #6	883.85
Scraper	91.80
Sander	45.65
Frank Anderson, Truck	423.50
Herman Fisher, Truck	213.35
Herman Fisher, Tractor	229.50
John Field, Truck	52.00
John Mackin, Shovel	1,226.00
Commonwealth of Mass.	27.00
Max W. Huber	20.65
Lake Asphalt Co.	1,051.50
American Tar Co.	278.44
New England Metal Culvert Co.	172.25
S. Ruben & Sons	24.15
Mrs. Natalie Parmenter	34.95
Northfield Washed Sand & Gravel	2,832.68
Ralph Gibson	1.89
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	\$ 10,917.56
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	\$ 19,500.01

Highways—Chapter 90

Appropriation:

Town Share	\$ 1,000.00
County Share	1,000.00
State Share	2,000.00
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	\$ 4,000.00

Payments

Ralph V. Gibson, Superintendent	\$ 227.13
Labor:	
Henry Bassett	137.60
Robert Strange	154.40
Ernest Kenney	137.60
Ignac Billman	64.00
Bert Willey	25.60
Joseph Billman, Jr.	25.60
Leon Randall	198.05
Herbert Black	210.80
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	\$ 1,180.78

Machinery and Supplies:

Town Truck #4	\$ 173.40
Town Truck #5	170.85
Town Sander	6.60
Herman Fisher, Truck	137.60

Frank Anderson, Truck	269.70	
J. V. McNeil, Truck	205.90	
John Mackin, Shovel	464.00	
Northfield Washed Sand & Gravel	422.69	
New England Metal Culvert Co.	232.94	
State Prison Colony	136.50	
American Tar Co.	278.44	
Frank W. Hance	167.72	
Lewis Shine	152.88	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,819.22
		<hr/>
		\$ 4,000.00

### Highway Tools

Appropriation \$ 100.00

#### Payments

Frank W. Hance	\$ 61.75
W. D. Miller	10.49
Avery's Store	4.25
Irish & Morgan	1.80
Morgan's Garage	6.50
Ernest Kenney	2.00

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\$ 86.79

Unexpended Balance to Revenue 13.21

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\$ 100.00

### Road Signs

Appropriation \$ 100.00

#### Payments

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts	\$ 63.00
Ralph Gibson, Expense	1.49

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\$ 64.49

Unexpended Balance to Revenue 35.51

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\$ 100.00

### Snow Removal

Appropriation \$ 5,000.00

Appropriation by Transfer 1,224.51

Total Credits \$ 6,224.51

#### Payments

Ralph V. Gibson, Superintendent \$ 647.49

Labor:

Robert Strange	360.65
Henry Bassett	30.40
Ernest Kenney	7.25
Francis Fisher	28.35



Russell Fisher	82.25	
Edmon Fisher	2.10	
Ignac Billman	14.70	
Robert Strange, Jr.	25.90	
Richard Strange	25.60	
Forest Carey	25.60	
Leon Randall	691.65	
Herbert Black	654.25	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,597.19

Trucks and Supplies:

Town Truck #4	\$ 526.03	
Town Truck #5	523.50	
Town Sander	111.90	
Herman Fisher, Truck	439.62	
Herman Fisher, Tractor	132.00	
J. F. Field, Walks	203.75	
Spencer Bros.	27.00	
Frederick L. Staiger	59.30	
Chemical Corporation	396.56	
Northfield Washed Sand & Gravel	291.50	
Harold B. Allen	30.91	
Spencer Bros.	280.03	
Stearn's Garage	221.42	
Northfield Hotel Garage	240.07	
G. C. Buffam	43.72	
E. F. Edson Co.	86.73	
Harry A. Glaback	10.42	
W. D. Miller	1.46	
Avery's Store	.40	
	<hr/>	\$ 3,627.32
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		\$ 6,254.51

Street Lights

Appropriation		\$ 3,000.00
	Payments	
Western Mass. Electric Co.	\$ 2,942.52	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	57.48	
	<hr/>	\$ 3,000.00

Additional Street Lights

Appropriation		\$ 168.00
	Payments	
Western Mass. Electric Co.	\$ 168.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 168.00

# Sidewalk Construction 1946

## Appropriation:

Balance for 1946		\$	53.60
	Payments		
Peter Yarmac		\$	53.60
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		\$	53.60

## Sidewalk Repairs

Appropriation		\$	100.00
	Payments		
Peter Yarmac		\$	47.40
Unexpended Balance to Revenue			52.60
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		\$	100.00

## Sidewalk Construction

Appropriation		\$	1,000.00
	Payments		
Peter Yarmac		\$	1,000.00
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		\$	1,000.00

## Beers Plain Drain

Appropriation		\$	5,500.00
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## Payments

Ralph V. Gibson, Superintendent		\$	113.00
Labor:			
Henry Bassett			83.20
Ernest Kenney			83.20
Robert Strange			53.60
Joseph Billman, Jr.			6.40
Leon Randall			64.60
Herbert Black			64.60
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		\$	468.60

## Trucks and Materials:

Town Truck #4	\$	13.60
Town Truck #5		13.60
John Mackin		935.50
New England Concrete Pipe Corp.		3,396.86
Noyes Foundry		120.00
Frank W. Hance		39.10
W. D. Miller		67.00
E. VanValkenburg		59.11
J. E. Dunnell & Son		13.50
Northfield Washed Sand & Gravel		76.00
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	\$	4,734.27

\$ 5,202.87

Unexpended Balance to Revenue

297.13

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\$ 5,500.00

Bridges		
Appropriation		\$ 1,000.00
	Payments	
Ralph V. Gibson, Superintendent	\$ 47.46	
Labor:		
Henry Bassett	47.20	
Robert Strange	11.20	
Robert Strange, Jr.	11.90	
Ernest Kenney	50.00	
Ignac Billman	2.80	
Leon Randall	22.80	
Herbert Black	28.80	
	<hr/>	\$ 222.16
Trucks and Materials:		
Town Truck #4	\$ 26.35	
Town Truck #5	12.75	
Herman Fisher	14.50	
W. J. Stratford	26.88	
Melvin Miller	404.46	
William Dresser	128.94	
Frank W. Hance	7.50	
Northfield Washed Sand & Gravel	4.50	
J. L. Dunnell & Son	1.80	
	<hr/>	\$ 627.68
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		\$ 849.84
Unexpended Balance to Revenue		150.16
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		\$ 1,000.00

Railings		
Appropriation		\$ 300.00
	Payments	
Ralph W. Gibson, Superintendent	\$ 9.04	
Labor:		
Robert Strange, Jr.	10.50	
Ignac Billman	7.70	
Kenneth Ruhl	2.80	
Robert Strange	6.40	
Richard Strange	19.20	
Forest Carey	19.20	
Leon Randall	18.80	
	<hr/>	\$ 93.64
Trucks and Materials:		
Town Truck #5	\$ 14.45	
Andrew Plotyzk	58.05	

Webster Box Co.	100.00	
Smead Lumber	1.76	
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		\$ 267.90
Unexpended Balance to Revenue		32.10
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### Sanding Machine

Appropriation		\$ 365.00
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#### Payments

Perkins-Eaton Mfg. Co.	\$ 347.50	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	17.50	
	<hr/>	\$ 365.00

### Road Machinery Fund

Appropriation by Transfer		\$ 2,000.00
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#### Payments

Colton's Insurance	\$ 162.80	
The Northfield Garage	150.20	
Spencer Bros.	744.25	
Stearn's Garage	794.09	
G. C. Buffam	24.41	
Unitarian Church	40.00	
Leon Randall	13.20	
Herbert Black	16.15	

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\$ 1,945.00

Unexpended Balance to Machinery Account	55.00	
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\$ 2,000.00

### Public Welfare

Appropriation		\$ 5,000.00
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#### Payments

Cash Payments	\$ 3,698.12	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	1,398.88	
	<hr/>	\$ 5,000.00

### Public Welfare Clerk

Appropriation		\$ 150.00
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#### Payments

George W. Carr	\$ 150.00	
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### P. W., O. A. A. and A. D. C. Administrator

Appropriation		\$ 300.00
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#### Payments

George W. Carr	\$ 22.50	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	277.50	
	<hr/>	\$ 300.00

Aid to Dependent Children		
Appropriation		\$ 5,200.00
	Payments	
Cash Payments	\$ 5,150.43	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	49.57	
	<hr/>	\$ 5,200.00

### Aid to Dependent Children

#### (U. S. Grant)

Appropriation:		
Balance from 1946	\$ 6.85	
Receipts for 1947	2,331.59	
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Total Credit		\$ 2,338.24
	Payments	
Cash Payments	\$ 2,032.32	
Unexpended Balance to 1948	305.92	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,338.24

### Aid to Dependent Children

#### (U. S. Grant Administrator)

Appropriation:		
Balance from 1946	\$ 3.00	
Receipts for 1947	24.62	
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Total Credits		\$ 27.62
	Payments	
George W. Carr	\$ 7.50	
New England Tel. & Tel.	.15	
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	\$ 7.65	
Unexpended Balance to 1948	19.97	
	<hr/>	\$ 27.62

### O. A. A. Administrator

#### (U. S. Grant)

Appropriation:		
Balance from 1946	\$ 376.78	
Receipts for 1947	594.03	
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Total Credits		\$ 970.81
	Payments	
George W. Carr	\$ 300.00	
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	8.65	
Bookstore	2.78	
Hobbs & Warren	12.75	
Postage	5.31	



Greater Boston Community Centers	5.50	
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	\$ 334.99	
Balance to 1948	635.82	
	<hr/>	\$ 970.81

### Old Age Assistance (U. S. Grant)

Appropriation:		
Balance from 1946	\$ 100.45	
Receipts for 1947	17,816.14	
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Total Credits		\$ 17,916.59
	Payments	
Cash Payments	\$ 16,100.81	
Unexpended Balance to 1948	1,815.78	
	<hr/>	\$ 17,916.59

### Old Age Assistance

Appropriation		\$ 28,000.00
	Payments	
Cash Payments	\$ 26,887.39	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	1,112.61	
	<hr/>	\$ 28,000.00

### Soldier's Relief

Appropriation		\$ 2,500.00
	Payments	
Cash Payments	\$ 1,220.81	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	1,279.19	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,500.00

### George F. Morgan Fund

Appropriation and Income		\$ 183.24
	Payments	
Cash Payments	\$ 46.41	
Unexpended Balance to 1948	136.83	
	<hr/>	\$ 183.24

### Elisha Alexander Fund

Appropriation Balance from 1946	\$ 111.76	
Appropriation Receipts for 1947	40.40	
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Total Credits		\$ 152.16
	Payments	
No Transaction:		
Balance to 1948		\$ 152.16

### Schools

Appropriation		\$ 58,089.00
	Payments	
General:		
Superintendent, Robert Taylor	\$ 1,610.00	

Clerk, Helen Dean	246.75
Clerk, Catherine Rickert	144.90
Telephone	139.34
Travel Expense	30.54
Nurse	350.00
School Census	15.00
School Physician	150.00
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	\$ 2,686.53

Teachers' Salaries :

Chester Parker	\$ 1,900.00
George M. Leonard	2,720.00
M. Carleton Brown	2,500.00
Harold H. McLean	2,300.00
Evelyn Lawley	2,400.00
E. L. Findly	1,371.00
Nellie Dearstyne	2,250.00
Beryle M. Stimson	840.00
Dorothy M. Billings	800.00
Eleanor A. Merriam	840.00
Dorothy O. Totman	2,100.00
Elizabeth Braley	1,990.00
Mary Dalton	1,990.00
Ruth Bolton	1,550.00
Evelyn M. Parker	1,980.00
Virginia S. Haack	2,000.00
Elizabeth Hudson	800.00
Ruth E. Sullivan	1,150.00
Ruth Stebbins, Music	300.00
W. L. Rinehart, Penmanship	350.00
Ruth Stebbins, Substitute	95.00
Catherine Sheldon, Substitute	330.00
Evelyn Miller	21.00
Mrs. Paul Mayberry	7.00
Mrs. Cochrine	7.00
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	\$ 32,591.50

Text Books & Supplies :

Text Books	\$ 1,195.78
Domestic Science	104.39
Students' Supplies	886.43
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	\$ 2,186.60

Tuition, Vocational :

Town of Greenfield	\$ 1,637.28
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	\$ 1,637.28

Transportation :

The Northfield	\$ 5,730.25
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James Dressor	1,459.00	
L. A. Barber	1,435.00	
Robert Dumbreck	800.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 9,424.25
Janitors:		
Leo Fortier	\$ 1,699.92	
Edward Fortier	545.10	
Richard Whitney	154.15	
Edward Parmenter	72.60	
Ralph Miller	4.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,475.77
Fuel, Lights and Water:		
John Mackin	\$ 1,860.23	
G. O. Dunnell	993.44	
F. M. Dunnell	77.60	
MacIntosh & Son	47.00	
Western Mass. Electric Co.	752.40	
Northfield Water Co.	109.18	
	<hr/>	\$ 3,839.85
Maintenance and Equipment:		
Repairs	\$ 849.43	
New Equipment	1,018.41	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,867.84
Janitors' Supplies	\$ 683.07	
Sundry Educational Equipment	317.83	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,000.90
		\$ 58,089.00
Unexpended Balance to Revenue		378.51
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		\$ 58,089.00
<b>School Committee</b>		
Appropriation		\$ 150.00
- Payments		
Sidney H. Given	\$ 50.00	
Lillian G. Wells	50.00	
Irving J. Lawrence	50.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 150.00
<b>School Fence</b>		
Appropriation from 1946	\$ 850.00	
Appropriation by Transfer	19.74	
	<hr/>	\$ 869.74
Payments		
Frank W. Hance	\$ 804.74	
F. Dean Avery Associates	65.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 869.74

### Belcher School Fund

Appropriation:

Income from Funds 1947	\$	36.10
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Payments

No Transaction:

Balance to 1948	\$	36.10
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### School No. 4

#### (Auxiliary Lighting)

Appropriation, Balance from 1946	\$	250.00
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Payments

Alfred Holton	\$	242.04
Unexpended Balance to Revenue		7.96
	\$	250.00

### Re-Opening of Abandoned School Building

Appropriation	\$.	100.00
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Payments

Leavis & Bolton	\$	74.83
Unexpended Balance to Revenue		7.96
	\$	100.00

### Library

Appropriation	\$	3,300.00
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Payments

Mrs. Florence Phelps	\$	1,266.60
Louis Abbey		330.00
L. A. Barber		12.00
Mrs. Warren Randall		94.28
Mrs. H. Ruhl		68.90
Mrs. Stanley Bell		210.93
Lucy Eveleth		125.00
F. M. Dunnell		306.95
Northfield Water Co.		12.00
Western Mass. Electric Co.		104.84
C. R. Finch		20.00
Rook of The Month Club		26.95
The H. R. Hunting Co.		238.20
Barrett & Baker		9.56
Greenfield Recorder-Gazette		6.00
C. H. Demond		54.67
H. W. Wilson Co.		2.90
Johnson & Johnson		12.50
Durico Library Supplies		49.90
Springfield News		41.26
Gaylord Bros.		3.60
J. S. Wesby & Sons		32.92
Couture Bros.		228.00

H. W. Hammond	13.25
Mrs. Florence Phelps (cash)	10.00
American Library Association	5.00
A. J. Anderson	3.00
W. D. Miller	4.03
The Carolier Society, Inc.	2.60
Vocational Guidance Manual	1.87
Fiske & Strecker	1.18
Morgan's N. E. Store	.54

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\$ 3,299.43

Unexpended Balance to Revenue

.57

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\$ 3,300.00

### Library Funds

#### Appropriation:

Balance from 1946

\$ .03

Income Received in 1947

197.15

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\$ 197.18

#### Payments

Mrs. Florence Phelps

\$ 116.66

Louis Abbey

30.00

Petty cash

10.00

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\$ 156.66

Balance to 1948

40.52

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\$ 197.18

### C. P. Dickinson Book Fund

Appropriation, Balance from 1946

\$ 14.31

Income from 1947

60.30

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Total Credits

\$ 74.61

#### Payments

The H. R. Huntting Co.

\$ 71.41

H. W. Wilson Co.

2.90

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\$ 74.31

Balance to 1948

.30

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\$ 74.61

### Northfield Farms Library

Appropriation

\$ 75.00

#### Payments

Chas. L. Gilbert, Treasurer

\$ 75.00

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\$ 75.00

### Alexander Hall

Appropriation

\$ 175.00

#### Payments

Leo Fortier

\$ 120.00

W. D. Miller

8.18



Braff, Cleaners	13.70
Mrs. Evelyn Hiller	.30
A. L. Goodrich	6.00
Mrs. Marian Billings	2.75

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\$	150.93
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Unexpended Balance to Revenue	24.07
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\$	175.00
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### Alexander Hall

#### (Auxiliary Lighting)

Appropriation :

Balance from 1946	\$	250.00
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Payments

No Transaction :

Unexpended Balance to 1948	\$	250.00
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\$	250.00
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### Memorial Day

Appropriation

\$	175.00
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Payments

Fred Avery	\$	2.80
John Wilson Co.		10.00
Greenfield-Montague Transportation Co.		13.62
Johnson & Johnson		8.40
Clark's Sound Service		10.00
Robert B. Hubbell		1.80
Rev. Albert Buchanan		25.00
Greenfield High School Band		25.00
Alice Kenney		27.00
Harold Briesmaster		2.00
Northfield School for Girls		8.80

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\$	134.42
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Unexpended Balance to Revenue	40.58
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\$	175.00
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### Town Clock and Fountain

Appropriation

\$	150.00
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Payments

Northfield Water Co.	\$	75.00
Willis K. Parker		50.00
C. L. Johnson		3.50

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\$	128.50
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Unexpended Balance to Revenue	21.50
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\$	150.00
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### Care of Athletic Field

Appropriation		\$	200.00
	Payments		
John F. Field	\$	95.00	
W. D. Miller		46.59	
Robert Whitney		10.00	
Northfield School for Girls		7.00	
Sundry Persons		5.10	
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	\$	163.68	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue		36.32	
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	\$		200.00

### Fish for Town Streams

Appropriation		\$	200.00
	Payments		
Beverly Hills Trout Farm	\$	200.00	
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	\$		200.00

### Town Reports

Appropriation		\$	400.00
	Payments		
Northfield Press	\$	293.50	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue		106.50	
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	\$		400.00

### Bonds and Damage

Appropriation	\$	400.00	
Appropriation by Transfer		11.34	
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Total Credits			\$ 411.34

### Payments

Colton's Insurance Agency	\$	153.75	
Roy Fish		88.59	
Central Vermont R. R.		94.00	
County of Franklin		75.00	
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	\$		411.34

### Reserve Fund

Appropriation	\$	2,000.00	
Appropriation By Transfer		118.75	
Total Credits		<hr/>	
	\$		2,118.75

### Payments

Payment By Transfer			
(Provisional Transfer)	\$	100.00	
(Hydrant Service)			
Town Hall		218.27	
Selectmen's Expense		36.35	

Collector's Expense	10.51	
Treasurer's Expense	31.54	
Assessors and Clerk, Expense	2.14	
Constable Pay	5.95	
Dog Officer	3.32	
Tax Title Foreclosure	3.00	
Highway #81	.01	
Snow Removal	1,224.51	
School Fence	19.74	
Bonds and Damage	11.34	
Center Cemetery Account	150.00	
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	\$ 1,816.68	
Balance to Overlay Reserve	302.07	
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		\$ 2,118.75

#### Cemeteries

Appropriation	\$ 600.00	
Appropriation By Transfer	150.00	
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		\$ 750.00

#### Payments

Northfield Water Co.	\$ 6.00
A. J. Anderson	18.00
Frank P. Britton	275.80
George Barlow	316.40
Fred W. Chapman	60.10
James C. Allen	5.50
Emerson Quinn	18.20
Central Vermont R. R.	5.00
G. N. Kidder	26.35
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	\$ 731.35

Balance to Reserve Fund	18.65	
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		\$ 750.00

#### Cemetery Trust Funds

Appropriation		
Balance from 1946	\$ 15.56	
Income for 1947	243.21	
Total Credits	<hr/>	
		\$ 258.77

#### Payments

George Barlow	\$ 212.55
Albert Anderson	4.00
Northfield Water Co.	6.00
G. N. Kidder	13.04

W. D. Miller	5.65	
Morgan's Garage	1.72	
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	\$ 242.96	
Unexpended Balance to 1948	15.81	
	<hr/>	\$ 258.77

### Northfield Farms Cemetery

Appropriation	\$ 250.00	
" Income	49.22	
Total Credits	<hr/>	\$ 299.22
Payments		
Winifred K. Broad	\$ 49.71	
C. C. Morgan	139.05	
G. N. Kidder	31.25	
Joe Koslowski	14.70	
E. Nash	5.00	
Fayette Baron	21.50	
John Hammond	5.39	
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	\$ 266.60	
Unexpended Balance to 1948	32.62	
	<hr/>	\$ 229.22

### West Northfield Cemetery

Appropriation		
Balance from 1946	\$ 241.43	
Income	244.93	
	<hr/>	\$ 486.36
Payments		
Carleton Holton	\$ 82.55	
Alexander Higgins	81.20	
Franklin Barry	37.80	
Ralph Holton	21.00	
Avery's Store	28.95	
Franklin Co. Trust Co.	1.25	
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	\$ 252.75	
Unexpended Balance to 1948	233.61	
	<hr/>	\$ 486.36

### Mary Callender Fund

Appropriation from 1946	\$ 173.00	
" from Income	8.37	
Total Credits	<hr/>	\$ 181.37
Payments		

George N. Kidder	\$ 36.20	
Unexpended Balance to 1948	145.17	
	<hr/>	\$ 181.37
<b>Calvin Stearns Fund</b>		
Appropriation from 1946	\$ 10.00	
" from Income	10.05	
Total Credits	<hr/>	\$ 20.05
<b>Payments</b>		
George N. Kidder	\$ 10.05	
Unexpended Balance to 1948	10.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 20.05
<b>Post War Fund</b>		
Income from 1947		\$ 250.00
<b>Payments</b>		
Franklin Savings Inst.	250.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 250.00
<b>Interest</b>		
Appropriation		\$ 300.00
<b>Payments</b>		
Merchant's Nat'l Bank of Boston	\$ 270.00	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	30.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 300.00
<b>Grade School Debt</b>		
Appropriation		\$ 4,500.00
<b>Payments</b>		
The Merchant's Nat'l Bank of Boston	\$ 4,500.00	
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## Recapitulation

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### Total Appropriation, Payments and Unexpended Balances

	<i>Payments</i>	<i>Appropriations</i>	<i>Balance</i>
Town Hall Painting	\$ 2,983.75	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 16.25
Moderator and Counsel	216.54	250.00	33.46
Collector's Adding Machine	70.85	100.00	29.15
Town Clerk	439.21	440.00	.79
Election and Registration	350.31	500.00	149.69
Accountant	729.94	740.00	11.06
Fire Department	1,478.66	1,700.00	221.34
Water Holes	138.88	200.00	61.12
Public Safety	35.80	50.00	14.20
Inspection of Animals	112.50	150.00	37.50
Sealer of Weights and Measures	130.82	150.00	19.18



Inspection of Meat and Slaughter	71.50	200.00	128.50
Insurance	1,181.48	1,200.00	18.52
Gypsy Moth	845.50	850.00	4.50
Tree Warden	147.50	150.00	2.50
Nurse (Car expense)	304.92	350.00	45.08
Community Nurse (Expense Account)	20.81	50.00	29.19
Health	189.46	400.00	210.54
Highway Tools	86.79	100.00	13.21
Highway Signs	64.49	100.00	35.51
Street Lights	2,942.52	3,000.00	57.48
Sidewalk Repairs	47.40	100.00	52.60
Bridges	861.48	1,000.00	137.52
Beer's Plain Drain	5,202.87	5,500.00	297.13
Railings	287.50	300.00	12.50
Public Welfare	3,601.12	5,000.00	1,398.88
P.W. O.A.A. and A.D.C. Administrator	22.50	300.00	277.50
Aid to Dependent Children	5,150.43	5,200.00	49.57
Old Age Assistance	26,887.39	28,000.00	1,112.61
Soldier's Relief	1,220.81	2,500.00	1,279.19
Schools	57,710.49	58,089.00	378.51
School, Lighting No. 4	242.04	250.00	7.96
Repair of Abandoned School	74.80	100.00	25.17
Library	2,299.43	3,300.00	.57
Alexander Hall	150.93	175.00	24.07
Memorial Day	136.42	175.00	40.58
Clock and Fountain	128.50	150.00	21.50
Care of Athletic Field	163.68	200.00	36.32
Town Reports	293.50	400.00	106.50
Town Survey Committee		50.00	50.00
Sanding Machine	247.52	265.00	17.50
Interest	270.00	300.00	30.00

Unexpended Balance to Revenue

Town Hall	3,218.27	3,218.27	\$6,395.95
Town Hall Drive	600.00	600.00	
Selectmen	900.00	900.00	
Collector	500.00	500.00	
Collector's Expense	160.51	160.51	
Treasurer	600.00	600.00	
Treasurer's Expense	171.54	171.54	
Assessor's and Clerk	1,250.00	1,250.00	
Assessor's and Clerk Expense	77.14	77.14	
Constable Pay	305.95	305.95	
Dog Officer	53.32	53.32	
Tax Title Foreclosure	300.00	300.00	
Community Nurse	2,050.00	2,050.00	

Highways — 81	19,500.01	19,500.01	
Highways — 90	4,000.00	4,000.00	
Snow Removal	6,224.51	6,224.51	
Street Light Extention	168.00	168.00	
Sidewalk Construction '46	53.60	53.60	
Sidewalk Construction	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Public Welfare Clerk	150.00	150.00	
School Committee	150.00	150.00	
School Fence	869.74	869.74	
Northfield Farms Library	75.00	75.00	
Fish for Town Streams	200.00	200.00	
Bonds and Damage	411.34	411.34	
Income from U. S. Bonds	250.00	250.00	
School Debt	4,500.00	4,500.00	
Town Hall Kitchen	947.87	1,555.00	607.13
Planting and Care of Trees	9.95	121.34	111.39
Machinery Account	2,000.00	13,338.43	11,338.43
A.D.C. (U. S. Grant)	2,032.32	2,338.24	305.92
A.D.C. (U. S. Grant Adms.)	7.65	27.62	19.97
O.A.A. (U. S. Grant Adms.)	334.99	970.81	635.82
O.A.A. (U. S. Grant)	16,100.81	17,916.59	1,815.78
George F. Morgan Fund	46.41	183.24	136.83
Elisha Alexander Fund		152.16	152.16
Belcher School Fund		26.10	26.10
Library Funds	156.66	197.18	40.52
C. P. Dickinson Book Fund	74.31	74.61	.30
Alexander Hall (Auxiliary Lights)		250.00	250.00
Northfield Farms Cemetery	266.60	299.22	32.62
Cemetery Trust Funds, (Center)	245.96	268.77	22.81
West Northfield Cemetery	252.75	491.36	238.61
Mary Callender Fund	36.20	181.37	145.17
Calvin Stearns Fund	10.05	20.05	10.00
Oil for Center Cemetery Road		235.00	235.00
Unexpended Balance to 1948			\$16,124.56
Selectmen's Expense Account	136.25	136.35	.10
Hydrant Service	400.00	500.00	100.00
Cemeteries	731.35	750.00	18.65
Unexpended Balance to Reserve			\$ 118.75
Balance to Machinery Account			
Road Machinery Fund	1,945.00	2,000.00	55.00
Balance to Overlay Reserve			
Reserve Fund	1,816.68	2,118.75	302.07

### Additional Payments

State Tax	15.50
State Tax, (Parks and Reservations)	88.56
State Audit	465.49
County Tax	5,082.12
Veteran's Rehabilitation	615.60
Cost of Taxes	51.90
Investment Funds	4,250.00
Dog Officer, (County)	30.00
Dog Licenses	623.60
Withholding Tax	4,596.50
County Retirement	161.22
Refund Tax, Poll	20.00
Refund Tax, Real Estate	7.50
Refund Tax, Motor Vehicle Excise	135.67

Total Cash Payments	\$207,598.27
Cash on Hand Dec. 31, 1947	48,320.25
	<hr/> \$255,918.52



## TOWN OF NORTHFIELD

### Balance Sheet — December 31, 1947

#### GENERAL ACCOUNTS

	<i>Assets</i>	<i>Liabilities and Reserves</i>
Cash	\$ 48,320.25	
Taxes 1946	5,381.16	
Taxes 1947, Poll	118.00	
Taxes 1947, Personal	1,933.00	
Taxes 1947, Real Estate	13,781.54	
Taxes 1947 Motor Vehicle Excise	1,837.08	
Revenue Motor Vehicle Excise		\$ 1,837.08
Northeastern Salvage Co.	3,589.01	
Timber Salvage		3,589.01
Accounts Receivable		
Temporary Aid	25.30	
A. D. C.	665.93	
O. A. A.	81.43	
Snow Removal	385.34	
Schools	28.20	

Departmental Revenue		1,186.20
Tax Title	774.44	
Tax Title Revenue		774.44
State and County Aid to Highways	4,708.24	
State and County Aid		
to Highway Revenue		4,708.24
Cemetery Lot Funds		1,950.62
Overlay, 1946		1,660.22
Overlay, 1947		1,202.48
Overlay Reserve		2,096.59
State Parks and Reservations		32.73
County Tax		1,447.06
Cost of Taxes		44.25
Tailings		32.53
E. & D. Surplus Revenue		42,717.74
Sale of Real Estate		1,260.00
Sale of Tax Title		25.44
Investment Funds		300.00
Dog Officer (County)	14.00	
Dog License (County)		1.80
Withholding Tax		531.00
County Retirement		120.93
Town Hall Kitchen		607.13
Planting and Care of Trees		111.39
Machinery Account		11,338.43
U. S. Grant		
A. D. C.		305.92
A. D. C. Administrator		19.97
O. A. A. Administrator		635.82
O. A. A.		1,815.78
George F. Morgan Fund		136.83
Elisha Alexander Fund		152.16
Center School Fund		26.10
Belcher Library Funds		40.52
C. P. Dickinson Book Fund		.30
Alexander Hall, (Lighting)		250.00
Cemetery Funds		
Center		22.81
Farms		32.62
West Northfield		238.61
Road Oil (Center)		235.00
Mary Callender Fund		145.17
Calvin Stearns Fund		10.00
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	\$ 81,642.92	\$ 81,642.92

# Board of Assessors' Report



For the Year Ending December 31, 1947

Value of Real Estate		\$1,739,683.00
Value of Personal Estate		245,120.00
Rate per \$1,000	\$ 50.00	
Polls Assessed	676	
Motor Excise Commitment		7,049.75
Number of horses assessed	88	
Number of cattle assessed	1,117	
Number of swine assessed	12	
Number of goats assessed	19	
Number of fowl assessed	5,405	
Number of sheep assessed	11	

## Appropriations

Appropriations from available funds, Nov. 5, 1946:

Auxiliary lighting in Alexander Hall from surplus revenue	\$ 250.00
New sanding machine from machinery account	365.00
Snow Removal account from surplus revenue	1,400.00
Old Age Assistance account from surplus revenue	5,000.00
Aid to Dependent Children from surplus revenue	900.00
School Department account from surplus revenue	172.00
New fence, south end of playground from surplus revenue	850.00
Auxiliary lighting at School Building No. 4 from surplus revenue	250.00

Appropriations from available funds, Feb. 3, 1947:

Road Machinery fund from Machinery account	2,000.00
Chapter 81 highway work from available funds	14,625.00
Chapter 90 construction from available funds	3,000.00
Oiling Center Cemetery roads from Cemetery Lots fund	235.00
Reserve Fund from overlay reserve	2,000.00

Appropriations to be raised by taxation, Feb. 3, 1947:

Northfield Farms Library	75.00
Tree Warden	150.00
Street lighting	3,000.00
Highway tools	100.00
Schools	58,089.00
Treasurer's salary	600.00
Treasurer's expense account	140.00



Bridges	1,000.00
Soldiers' relief	2,500.00
Alexander Hall	175.00
Animal inspection	150.00
Dog Officer	50.00
Selectmen's salary	900.00
Selectmen's expense account	100.00
Old Age Assistance	28,000.00
Public Welfare clerk	150.00
School Committee salary	150.00
Inspection meat and slaughtering	200.00
Public health	400.00
Moderator and Counsel	250.00
Town reports	400.00
Bonds and damages	400.00
Fire department	1,700.00
Maintenance of water holes	200.00
Department Public Welfare	5,000.00
Aid to Dependent Children	5,200.00
Town Clerk's salary	400.00
Town Clerk's expense account	40.00
Election and registration	500.00
Fire and Casualty insurance	1,200.00
Sealer of weights and measures	125.00
Sealer's expense account	25.00
Accountant's salary	700.00
Accountant's expense account	40.00
Assessors' salaries	1,250.00
Assessors' expense account	75.00
Town Hall care	3,000.00
Interest account	300.00
Town clock and fountain	150.00
Snow removal	5,000.00
Public Safety	50.00
Road signs	100.00
Tax Collector's salary	500.00
Tax Collector's expense account	150.00
Dickinson Memorial Library	3,300.00
Gypsy moth	850.00
Painting Town Hall	3,000.00
Salary Town Nurse and substitute	2,050.00
Town nurse's expense account	50.00
Nurse's car expense account	350.00
Beer's Plain Road drainage	5,500.00
Railings	300.00
Grade school building debt	4,500.00
Cemeteries	850.00

Chapter 81 highway work	4,875.00
Chapter 90 construction	1,000.00
Equipment for improvements in Town Hall kitchen	1,555.00
Surfacing Town Hall driveways	600.00
Sidewalk repairs	100.00
Memorial Day	175.00
Constables' pay	300.00
Salary, A. D. C. and O. A. A. clerk	300.00
Fish for liberating in Northfield	200.00
Cement sidewalk from Warwick Avenue north	1,000.00
Adding machine for Treasurer and Collector	100.00
Athletic Field care	200.00
Installation 3 street lights Glen Road	63.00
Installation 2 street lights Millers Falls Road, south of Garfield's	42.00
Installation 2 street lights Millers Falls Road, F. Bartus to Erving line	42.00
Installation 1 street light Birnam and Hotel Roads	21.00
Abandoned Schoolhouse repairs	100.00
Appropriations to be raised by taxation, March 27, 1947:	
Hydrant service	400.00
Total appropriations	<u>\$185,554.00</u>
State Tax	\$ 1,550.00
State Parks and Reservations	121.29
State Parks and Reservations 1946 underestimate	45.49
State audit of municipal accounts	465.49
Investigation of Veterans' Benefits	615.60
County Tax	6,529.18
County Tax 1946 underestimate	111.22
Overlay	2,024.98
Gross amount to be raised	<u>\$197,017.25</u>

#### Estimated Receipts and Available Funds

Income Tax	\$ 7,032.38
Corporation taxes	3,088.74
Reimbursement—state owned land	207.32
Gasoline tax	4,507.40
Motor vehicle and trailer excise	3,450.00
Licenses	85.00
General government	400.00
Health and Sanitation	300.00
Charities (other than federal grants for aid to dependent children)	18,000.00

Old age tax (meals)	1,037.50	
Schools	8,000.00	
Libraries	100.00	
Interest on taxes	400.00	
American Youth Hostel's gift	20.00	
Supplemental Cherry sheet, 5-6-47	3,749.76	
Tax rate reduction from surplus revenue	15,000.00	
Transfers from available funds	31,047.00	
Total estimated receipts and available funds		\$ 96,425.10
Net amount to be raised by taxation		\$100,592.15
Poll tax	\$ 1,352.00	
Personal property tax	12,256.00	
Real estate tax	86,984.15	
Total taxes levied on polls and property		\$100,592.15

Respectfully submitted,

FRED S. MERRIFIELD,  
CLIFFORD A. FIELD,  
ERNEST A. PARKER,

*Assessors.*

## Fire Chief and Forest Warden

During the year 1947 the Fire Department responded to 29 fire calls and one successful Inhalator call.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES L. JOHNSON,

Fire Chief.

During the year ending December 31, 1947, there were three grass fires.

Four hundred and twenty-five permits were given to burn.

Respectfully submitted,

ANDREW R. GRAY,

Forest Fire Warden.

# Finance Committee Report



The Finance Committee was organized for the year 1947 with A. Gordon Moody as chairman and Dorothy L. Miller as secretary.

All financial matters coming before the town have been considered and recommendations made.

Transfers from the reserve fund have been authorized as follows:

Cemetery Account	\$ 150.00
Town Hall	195.87
Selectmen's Expense Account	36.35
Collector's Expense Account	10.51
Treasurer's Expense Account	31.54
Assessor's Expense Account	2.14
Tax Title Foreclosure	3.00
Highways, Chapter 81	.01
School Fence	19.74
Bonds and Damage	11.34
Town Hall Maintenance	22.40
Constables Pay	5.95
Dog Officer	3.32
Snow Removal	1,224.51

Respectfully submitted,

A. GORDON MOODY,

ROSS L. SPENCER,

FRED I. BOLTON,

WALTER H. HYDE,

WILLIAM E. PARK,

DOROTHY L. MILLER,

Finance Committee.

# Welfare Department Report



No. of General Relief Cases	10
No. of Soldiers Relief Cases	3
No. of Aid to Dependent Children	7

## Old Age Assistance

No. of Recipients January 1, 1947	63
Cases received during the year	12
Cases closed during the year	10
No. of Recipients December 31, 1947	65

## General Relief

Appropriation	\$5,000.00
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### Payments

Cash	\$1,130.17
Mrs. D. C. Donahue	189.51
F. M. Dunnell	165.12
Edward Lucew	270.00
Melvin Miller	58.00
Northfield Pharmacy	207.91
Dr. A. B. True	42.00
Irish & Morgan Store	301.62
Morgan's N. E. Store	506.31
Avery's Store	8.42
Dr. G. P. Hall	15.00
Dr. L. H. Mendelson	62.50
Podlinski Brothers	32.00
J. C. Penney Co.	38.31
Vida A. Fellows	60.06
John Wilson Co.	26.75
Dr. W. F. Dodd	10.00
Montgomery Ward	23.66
Elliott Mem. Hospital	34.58
Dr. Robert Holmes	100.00
Dr. C. S. Lancey	48.00
The Northfield	3.50
Hobbs & Warren, Inc.	1.16
J. W. Field	3.00
New England Tel. & Tel.	.40
Town Truck	29.58
Mrs. Dean Williams	12.00
City of Boston	172.50



H. E. Hamilton	29.72
Tenney Farms	10.59
Farren Mem. Hospital	8.75
Total	<u>\$3,601.12</u>
Unexpended balance	\$1,398.88
	<u>\$5,000.00</u>

### Soldiers' Relief

Appropriation	\$2,500.00
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### Payments

Georganna Gorman	\$ 901.26
Dr. H. L. Craft	6.00
March's Pharmacy	44.84
Baker Pharmacy	11.01
Dr. L. S. Boch	31.00
Lois Russell	50.00
Mass. Dept. of Public Welfare	55.50
Mrs. Robert Fuller	58.00
George N. Kidder	60.00
New England Tel. & Tel.	3.20
	<u></u>
Total	\$1,220.81
Unexpended balance	1,279.19
	<u>\$2,500.00</u>

### Aid to Dependent Children

Appropriation	\$5,200.00
U. S. Grant	2,338.24
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Total	\$7,538.24

### Payments

Cash	\$7,182.75
Unexpended balance	355.49
	<u>\$7,538.24</u>

### Old Age Assistance

Appropriation	\$28,000.00
U. S. Grant	17,916.59
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	\$45,916.59

### Payments

Cash	\$42,355.68
Town of Montague	385.96
Town of Wakefield	41.33
Town of Bernardston	47.03
Town of Greenfield	44.35

City of Springfield	17.20
City of Boston	96.65
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Total	\$42,988.20
Unexpended balance	2,928.39
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	\$45,916.59

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE W. CARR,

*Chairman, Board of Public Welfare.*



## Jury List

Abbott, Robert D.	Fish, Roy J.
Anderson, Frank W.	Hyde, Walter W.
Avery, Fred G.	Jordan, Paul G.
Bartus, Joseph J.	Martin, Leslie A.
Bistrek, Stanley T.	Miller, Carroll H.
Black, Julian O.	Miner, Herman A.
Browning, Charles R. Jr.	Olds, Charles B.
Clough, Richard	Smith, Samuel H.
Dresser, James E.	Spaulding, Clarence H.
Eastman, Hubert J.	Szestowicki, Frank P.
Field, Joseph W.	Thompson, Paul B.

Webber, Louis A.

# Cemetery Commission Report



Appropriation	\$ 850.00
Transfer	150.00
Interest Fund	307.99
	<hr/> \$1,307.99
Bill approved for care of cemeteries	1,243.91
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Unexpended Balance	\$ 64.08
Rec. for care of Spofford Lot	\$ 4.06
Pd. for labor and fertilizer	\$ 4.06
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C. C. Stearns Lot	
Pd. Labor, Cleaning Base and fertilizer	10.05
Cash from Interest fund	10.05
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Mary H. Callendar and Holton Lot	
Labor, spading lot, fertilizer and loam, cleaning monument and headstones	36.20
Cash from Interest fund	36.20
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## CASH RECEIVED FOR SALE OF LOTS

Name	Lot No.	Cemetery	Recorded Vol. 1 Pg.	Price
Charles T. Sibley	36	Mt. Hermon	381	\$ 25.00
Maximilla Hachita	A9	Center	382	15.00
Fred Aldrich	138	West Northfield	383	25.00
George Smalley, Sr.	41	Center	384	15.00
Murray Hammond	22½ - 23½	Farms	385	40.00
Cecil Wilson	146	West Northfield	386	15.00
Jennie Warnock	290	Center	387	20.00
Lewis Houdus	31	Mt. Hermon	388	25.00
Perley Martin	118	West Northfield	389	15.00
Mrs. Sanford Edson	A13	Center	390	25.00
Paid Town of Northfield				\$220.00

In 1947 we had an appropriation for oiling the road in the Center Cemetery. Due to rising cost of material, etc., we were unable to do the work for the amount appropriated. We have made arrangements to have the amount carried over to 1948. We hope to appropriate the remaining sum so that we may do the work in the spring.

GEORGE N. KIDDER,

CARLTON W. HOLTON

CHARLES C. MORGAN

Commissioners.

# Park Commissioner's Report



I herewith submit my report of work accomplished at the athletic field during the year 1947.

The athletic field during the past summer was in its best condition for several seasons. Early in the spring, several loads of loam were added to the baseball diamond, grading and seeding done, the base paths were widened to regulation width, and the pitcher's mound was rebuilt. Several loads of sand, donated by the Northfield Washed Sand and Gravel Company, were added to the base paths and mixed with the hard loam and clay to produce a much better playing surface. The infield was fertilized and frequently mowed.

A fence was erected on the west side of the field with posts donated by Clayton Glazier and cut by members of the Northfield A. A. This fence, like all previous fences, did not last long as the children persisted in going over or under it rather than around it. A more permanent fence similar to the one now located at the south end of the field would be far more practical and would make a fine appearance. A fully enclosed athletic field to which admission could be charged for athletic contests would pay for itself within a few years.

The banking on the west side of the field where hundreds of large tree trunks were dumped after the hurricane of 1938 costs baseball teams nearly two hundred dollars each year. Most baseballs hit into that area get lost in the maze of trunks. This banking should be burned over in the spring and should be filled in with sand, ashes, and gravel.

The bleachers which I had hoped could be replaced by modern portable steel bleachers were used again this year. They are in very poor condition and are insufficient to seat the increased number of spectators at the many baseball games played during the summer.

At least three organized baseball teams used the field during the past year with attendance reaching as many as five hundred on occasions. Three or four games were played each week. The athletic field is finding increasing use each year. With this increased use, the field is showing greater signs of wear. More grading, seeding and fertilizing will be necessary this spring. The fence will have to be rebuilt and the baseball diamond worked over.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank all those who have contributed time and materials worth over \$200 for the upkeep and improvement of the athletic field. Among this group are Mr. Fred Kelly, Mr. Clayton Glazier, Mr. Robert Thompson, members of the Northfield A. A., and boys of Northfield High School.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE M. LEONARD,

Park Commissioner.



## Public Health Nurse



To the Selectmen and citizens of the town of Northfield:

I herewith submit my third annual report as Public Health Nurse of the town of Northfield.

Once again this year the Fortnightly generously contributed ten dollars. In the past years this money has been used for the purchase of cod liver oil pills to be distributed to worthy children. However, this year the need was not as great, and, as I felt there was a need in dental work, five dollars was used for dentistry, and five dollars for pills.

In April of this year the Red Cross Blood Bank Mobile Unit, came to Northfield for one day. The Health Council was in charge. There were 73 donors with 61 pints of blood being obtained.

Again in June the Well Child Clinic was held for three days at the Center School. In previous years the clinic has been for two days but with the added interest shown, it seemed advisable to hold the clinic three days. Dr. Alexander Nadas, pediatrician of Greenfield, was attending physician, and Mrs. Gerda Horst was present as State Nutritionist. There were 63 children examined.

In September I was on duty at the Franklin County Fair for one afternoon, as the Public Health Nurse of Franklin County were in attendance in the First Aid Room.

In December the annual Diphtheria clinic was held with 27



children being inoculated. Dr. T. Wilson Dean was the attending physician.

The following is a report of my work for the year:

Chronic cases	818
Acute cases	108
Prenatal visits	3
Delivery	1
Postnatal visits	10

Health Supervision

Infant	203
Adult	83
Preschool	40
School	68
T. B. cases	16
Social Service	10
Transportation	84
Meetings attended	9
Talks given	3
Parents not at home	4
Fees collected	\$408.35

Respectfully submitted,

NATALIE GOWEN HURLEY.

# Dickinson Library Report



Your trustees have given diligent attention to the wise expenditure of available funds and have made possible the distribution of books, with special attention to children and the young people of the Public Schools. New books have been selected and purchased. The Reading Room has been maintained and our splendid building—in use for fifty years—has received some repairs. The outside trim and the fire-escape have received two coats of paint.

The Town may well be proud of the Dickinson Memorial Library building and we feel that our citizens desire the management of the Library to be in harmony with such a substantial building. Fifty years of use mean that the problem of repairs is now always urgent. We hope to improve our lighting system. The first floor rooms should be re-decorated, and there is pressing need of more shelf room. At present the Library has 11,122 books, of which 454 were added in 1947.

It has been pleasant to receive, during the year, gifts from friends of the Library. We received from the L. R. Smith Estate, through the courtesy of Dr. Richard Smith, a superb collection of Indian arrow-heads and clay stones. These are on display in the Library Museum.

The following were donors of books in 1947:

Mrs. Winifred deAmicis	Miss Lucy Jackson
Mrs. Stanley Bell	Mrs. Leander Kirk
Miss Mercy A. Brann	Mrs. Ambert G. Moody
Boston & Maine Railroad	Newton, Massachusetts, Free
Mrs. Frederick Chapin	Library
Mrs. David Cook	Mrs. Ruth (Phelps) Patnode
Rev. J. E. Eason	Mrs. Emma Powell
Mr. Arnold Haack	Mrs. Arline Randall
Peter Haack	Mrs. Clarence Spaulding
	Miss Caroline B. Wilks

At the request of the Selectmen an inventory of the Library's moveable property was made for insurance purposes. Using a formula furnished by the American Library Association, the books of our Library are valued at \$12,521.00, and the furniture, pictures and museum exhibits at \$4,400.00, a total of \$16,921.00.

The Trustees report with regret that in August Mr. Joseph

W. Field found it necessary to resign as a Trustee. Mr. Field was a faithful and diligent Trustee and has been greatly missed. In October Mr. Luman A. Barber accepted an invitation to serve as Trustee until the time of the Town Meeting.

In April, Mrs. Warren Randall resigned as Assistant Librarian and Mrs. H. C. Ruhl served until July, when Mrs. Stanley Bell succeeded her.

Real progress has been made in cataloging the books of the Library. Mrs. Lucy M. Eveleth, our former Librarian, spent the month of July on this work and Mrs. Phelps has given to it all the time she could find without slighting her routine tasks.

Mrs. Florence Phelps and her Assistants and Mr. Louis M. Abbey, our Janitor, have given faithful service throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

C. INA MERRIMAN, Chairman  
MARY G. PARKER  
MERCY A. BRANN  
HORACE H. MORSE  
LUMAN A. BARBER  
ROBERT BONNER JACK



## Librarian's Report



Although there has been an increase in the circulation during the past year, there is still possible a much greater use of the library, especially in the use of the reading and reference room.

The total circulation for the year shows an increase over last year of 807.

Circulation, 1946.		Circulation, 1947.	
		Books- adult fiction	8089
Books- adult	8953	Books- adult non-fiction	1913
Books- juvenile	6236	Books- juvenile fiction.	4251
Periodicals- adult	993	Books- juvenile non-fiction	1295
Periodicals- juvenile	281	Periodicals- adult	1172
State Bookmobile	671	Periodicals- juvenile	132
		State Bookmobile books	1001
		Inter-library loan	88
Total	17134		17941

A total of 454 books, by gift and purchase, have been added to the library during 1947, as follows: by purchase, adult fiction, 142; adult non-fiction, 48; reference, 2; juvenile fiction, 21; juvenile non-fiction, 8. A total of 221 books purchased.

Total of books given by friends is 233: adult fiction, 47; adult non-fiction, 116; reference, 1; juvenile fiction, 34; juvenile non-fiction, 35. The names of these donors are listed in the trustees report. The library also receives 12 gift subscriptions to periodicals.

The present registration as of December, 1947, is 785 resident; and there have been 16 non-resident registrations through the year.

A total of 158 book certificates were presented to the pupils of Center School in June; 150 for 5 books and 8 for 20 book reports.

The sum of \$149.75 has been received for fines on overdue books and periodicals during the year, which becomes available for new books and other library expenses.

Books lent to the library by the State Bookmobile service totals 622; 292 adult fiction; 210 adult non-fiction; 88 juvenile fiction, 32 juvenile non-fiction. The number of books circulated by this department in other parts of town; 390 adult fiction; 57 adult non-fiction; 161 juvenile fiction; 35 juvenile non-fiction.

It has been a great disappointment to our readers that this service was discontinued in September, because of the resignation of the librarian, Miss Ann McCormick. As yet, this post has not been filled. We hope this will be continued again in the near future, not only because of the increase of circulation in our library, but because it means a real hardship to the outlying districts, where the service has given much real pleasure and help to those who cannot get to public libraries.

Although the work of recataloguing the library is still far from finished, a total of 2005 books have been checked and fully catalogued during 1947. Miss Lucy M. Eveleth, former librarian, assisted with this work during July, when a total of 323 books were recatalogued.

Much interest continues to be shown in the historical objects which are exhibited on the second floor of the library. In May, 1947, Mr. Arthur L. Winn of the Northfield Hotel, presented the library with a guest-book for registration of visitors to our library. To date, there are 32 registrants. It is of interest

that the first registrant, Mr. Verle Dickinson Dority, of Burr Oak, Kansas, is a direct descendant of Nathaniel Dickinson. Mr. Harold McLean of the High School faculty, and 15 of his students visited these rooms. Several of the Center School teachers have also taken their classes to view the exhibits. We are always glad to welcome visitors.

I have noted a drop in the juvenile circulation since September, which seems to have been caused by the smaller number of books required for report in the junior high school.

A 10 volume set of Collier's Encyclopedia, a gift to the library from the Newton Library, was presented to the Northfield High School in September. The library already had a set of the same date of publication, 1929.

I would like to restate the opening hours of the library, as follows; afternoons, Tuesday through Saturday, 1:00 to 8:00; except Wednesday and Friday, when it closes at 6:00 p. m.

Mrs. Stanley Bell of Gill, who came in June as the new part-time assistant, has been most efficient in her work with the children and in the adult department.

I wish to thank all our patrons who have tried to make our work more pleasant through their understanding of our problems and the trustees for their help and efforts toward the betterment of the service rendered to the public through the library.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. FLORENCE PHELPS,

Librarian.



# Report of SCHOOL DEPARTMENT



## ORGANIZATION FOR YEAR 1947

### School Committee

Sidney H. Given, *Chairman*

Term Expires 1949

Lillian G. Wells, *Secretary*

Term Expires 1948

Irving J. Lawrence

Term Expires 1950

### Meetings of the School Committee

The regular meetings of the School Committee are held on the third Saturday of each month, except July and August, at 10:00 A.M. at the Superintendent's Office.

### Superintendent of Schools

Robert N. Taylor, B.Ch.E.; M.Ed.

Office, Center School, Tel. 757

### School Secretary

Catharine D. Rikert

Home Tel. 882

### Office Hours

School Days, 8:30 A.M. to 4 P.M.

School Vacations, 9 A.M. to 4 P.M.

### School Physician

F. Wilton Dean, M.D.

### School Nurse

Natalie G. Hurley, R.N.

### School Calendar 1948-1949

Schools open January 5, 1948

Close February 20, 1948

Schools open March 1, 1948

Close April 16, 1948

Schools open April 26, 1948

Close June 18, 1948

Schools open September 8, 1948

Close December 22, 1948

Schools open January 3, 1949

Close February 18, 1949

Schools open February 28, 1948

Close April 15, 1949

Schools open April 25, 1949

Close June 23, 1949

Elementary School closes one week earlier in June.

# School Superintendent's Report



*To the School Committee and Citizens of Northfield:*

I am pleased to present herewith my seventh annual report dealing with the progress made within our school department during 1947. This is the 211th report on public education in the Town of Northfield.

The year has been marked by numerous changes, changes aimed at the improvement of our school system through better organization, improved methods and techniques, and the resultant raising of the educational standard. The latter goal is of primary importance, since the first objective of any good school must be the standard of its training as measured by the product produced. In this case our product is democratic citizenry able to compete successfully in a highly competitive economic system where skill and good judgment are an essential part of the make-up of a worthy citizen.

In attaining our goal of better schools it is also the duty of our department to examine critically the rapidly spiraling costs of education. To search for economies is but good business procedure. To strive for lower unit costs while maintaining or raising the general standard of production is a dominant feature of the American scene. However, to achieve lower unit costs during the present inflationary period would be to produce a miracle. Therefore, the aim should be sensible economy without harm to the desired program. To this end we have devoted much thought during the past year.

## New First Grade Day

During the early months of 1947 the first grade hours were shortened and the pupils carried home at 1:30 p.m. This plan had some advantages, but after a six-month period of observation it was felt that a better plan could be found. The writer felt that the pressure placed on the teacher to accomplish the required first grade work in less time was too great a strain on the teacher. It is greatly to her credit that even with the shorter day our pupils made the same mark of achievement as in previous years.

Another objection to the early dismissal came from parents, who delegated to older members of the family the responsibility of seeing that the first grade pupils got safely home. Others felt that the social experiences, assemblies, visual education, and so forth, were too important to eliminate.

An inquiry was made to determine what communities like ourselves, without kindergarten, did to eliminate the fatigue of a long school day. The plan adopted in September is highly recommended by Miss Alice Beal,

elementary supervisor in the State Department of Education. There are about fifteen communities in the state using this same plan. From the opening of school until December first, pupils attend for one session. They receive a milk and cracker lunch at 10:00 a.m., a short recess at 11:00 a.m., and go directly home at 12:00 noon. Music, assemblies, and visual education are omitted from their program until they attend for the full session after December first.

### High School Reorganization

The School Committee, at its regular meeting on June twenty-first, voted unanimously to adopt a reorganization plan which they had been studying for a number of years. The plan established a six-year school to be called the Northfield Junior-Senior High School and includes grades 7 - 12. The enrollment of the new school is 139, and the staff, including the principal, totals 8 persons.

The reorganization is in keeping with the recommendation of the State Department of Education, which specifies that high schools with enrollments of less than 100 should be reorganized into six-year schools. The enrollment in the Northfield High School has not been 100 since 1936, when 103 pupils were registered.

The reorganization has more evenly distributed the pupil load between our two buildings. The Center School houses grades 1 - 6. Because of the large first grade enrollment in September, it was necessary to organize two first grades. For some time now there has been need for a utility room in the Center School, and by removing the seventh and eighth grades from the building, we have this extra room. It is used every period in the day as a music room and for special instruction. Two teachers from the Center School staff were added to that of the High School, and Mr. George Leonard, former principal of the Center School, was promoted to the principalship of the High School. There are sufficient classrooms in the High School to take care of the home room seating. However, it has been found necessary to use the utility room in the Center School for High School classes five periods a day.

The reorganization has simplified the transportation by relieving congestion on one bus and by the elimination of another. It is now possible for all the elementary pupils to eat lunch at one sitting instead of two as in the past. Congestion on the playground has been relieved.

A full school year is necessary before complete evaluation of the change can be made. However, the general feeling, at this time, is that the change has been a good one.

### Teacher Changes

At the close of schools in June the following teachers left our school system:

Mr. Chester<sup>\*</sup> R. Parker, principal of the Northfield High School since September, 1944.

Mrs. Eva Findlay, to teach in New York State.

Miss Ruth E. Sullivan, to return to college.

Mrs. Ruth Stebbins, to return to home duties.

The following appointments and promotions were made:

Mr. George M. Leonard, principal of the Center School, was appointed to the high school principalship of the newly reorganized six-year high school. Mr. Leonard is a graduate of Bridgewater State Teachers College, and has been in Northfield since 1941.

Miss Dorothy O. Totman, assistant principal of the Center School, was appointed to the position of Building Principal. Miss Totman is a graduate of Fitchburg Normal School and has been in Northfield since 1930.

Miss Eleanor Merriam, a graduate from Wheaton College, A.B., and with an A.M. degree from Mount Holyoke, was appointed to the Social Studies position in the Northfield High School.

Mrs. Dorothy Billings, a graduate of the University of Massachusetts, B.S., in the class of 1947, was appointed to teach English in the High School and direct the music for the Center and High Schools.

Mrs. Elizabeth Hudson, B.S., a graduate of the Gorham State Teachers College, has been appointed to the extra first grade. Mrs. Hudson taught three years in Augusta, Maine, and two years in Lexington, Massachusetts.

Miss Beryle Stimson, a graduate of the University of New Hampshire with a B.S. degree in 1946, has been appointed to the Home Economics position. She taught for one year in Andover, New Hampshire, before coming to Northfield.

Other personnel changes during the year were:

Miss Helen L. Deane, Union Secretary in the Superintendent's Office, resigned in July to be married.

Miss Catharine D. Rikert, a graduate of the Katharine Gibbs School in 1947, was appointed Union Secretary.

### Teachers' Salaries

Our citizens, at the February, 1947, election, voted 233 to 77 to adopt the "Equal pay for equal work" referendum for Northfield's teachers. However, the School Committee, by its action in approving a \$500 blanket increase for all principals and teachers effective January 1, 1947, and by

previous salary adjustments had an equal pay policy in operation. To meet the requirements of the new law a classification system was necessary. This the committee has now done.

#### *Class I*

##### *Elementary Teachers, Center School*

- A. Without degree.
- B. Degree or experience equivalent to ten years.
- C. Special classifications.

#### *Class II*

##### *High School Teachers*

- A. Without degree.
- B. With degree or experience equivalent to fifteen years.
- C. Special classifications.

All new teachers without experience but with a college degree were paid at the rate of \$2,000 for the first year. Others with experience were paid the base rate plus \$100 increment for each year of experience to a maximum of \$2,500. No increments were paid during the year 1947.

The School Committee voted further adjustments in teachers' salaries effective January 1, 1948. These raises were based on dependency and experience and range from \$100 to \$200. To hold good teachers, increments must be paid. Just how high the maximum rate should be is problematical at this time and is to some extent dependent on what action the 1948 Legislature takes toward relieving the local taxpayer of part of the cost.

### **Need for a Salary Schedule**

The trend in recent years has been to establish salary schedules for town and school employees. These schedules generally fall into two classes, positional type and preparational type. Occasionally we find a schedule that is a composite of the two.

A carefully prepared, equitable salary schedule results in a more stable financial policy, better morale among teachers, and a more economical expenditure of the salary budget in relation to the services rendered.

The Northfield Teachers' Club appointed a special committee to prepare and present to the School Committee a study patterned along the lines of a number of studies made and adopted in communities similar in nature and scope to Northfield. The School Committee met once with the teachers' committee. No definite conclusion was reached, but it was agreed that further study, cooperatively done by the school department and the teachers, should be carried on. Studies of this nature do not result in drastic salary increases, but do provide incentive for the professional growth of all teachers.



# SCHOOL ORGANIZATION

## HIGH SCHOOL

<i>Name</i>	<i>Subject or Grade</i>	<i>Where Educated</i>
George M. Leonard	Principal	Bridgewater State Teachers College, B.S.
	Mathematics	
	Civics	
	Problems of Democracy	
Evelyn G. Lawley	Assistant Principal	Smith College, A.M.
	Chemistry	*Massachusetts State College
	Mathematics	*Boston University
	Latin	
	Spanish	American International College, B.A.
Nellie W. Dearstyne	English	Springfield College, M.Ed.
Beryl M. Stimson	Home Economics	University of New Hampshire, B.S.
	English I	
Harold H. McLean	United States History	Massachusetts State College, B.S.
	General Science	
	Biology	
	Physical Education	
M. Carleton Brown	Commercial	Bay Path Institute
		*Northeastern University Evening School
Eleanor A. Merriam	Mathematics	Wheaton College, A.B.
	Social Studies	Mount Holyoke, A.M.
Dorothy M. Billings	English	University of Massachusetts, B.S.
	Music Supervisor	

## Center School

<i>Name</i>	<i>Subject or Grade</i>	<i>Where Educated</i>
Dorothy O. Totman	Building Principal	Fitchburg Normal
Ruth W. Bolton	Grade 4	*University Extension
Elizabeth L. Hudson, B.S.	Grade 1	Fitchburg Normal
Virginia S. Haack	Grade 1	Gorham State Teachers' College
Mary E. Dalton	Grade 2	Stevens Normal Institute
	Grade 3	*Massachusetts State College
		*Hyannis Normal
		*University Extension
		*Northfield Seminary
Evelyn H. Parker	Grade 5	Fitchburg Normal
Elizabeth G. Braley	Grade 6	Northfield Seminary
		*North Adams Normal
		*Castleton Normal
		*Hyannis Normal
		*Fitchburg Normal
		*University Extension

\* Attended without graduating.

## School Custodians

Leo Fortier

Richard Whitney, Part-time Assistant

## Test Results

			<i>Northfield Medians</i>			
	<i>Test</i>	<i>Std. Med.</i>	1945	1946	1947	
Grade I	Metropolitan Achievement	1.8	2.0	1.9	1.3	
Grade II	" "	2.8	2.9	3.0	2.6	
Grade III	" "	3.8	3.8	3.6	4.1	
Grade IV	" "	4.8	5.0	5.1	4.6	
Grade V	" "	5.8	5.9	5.4	5.9	
Grade VI	" "	6.8	6.6	6.6	6.5	
Grade VII	" "	7.8	7.8	7.9	8.1	
Grade VIII	" "	8.8	8.8	8.7	8.8	
Algebra I	Columbia Research Bureau	16	22	30	26	
Plane Geometry	" " "	32	....	....	30	
Latin I	New York Latin Achievement	132	91	57	112	
Latin II	" " " "	....	....	....	146.5	
Latin I	White Latin Test	92	....	....	95.5	
Latin II	" " "	121	....	....	117.5	
American History	Col. Research Bureau	81	88	56	37	
World History	Kniss Test	44.5	....	....	28.5	
Biology	Ruch-Cossmann	40	43	39	41.5	
General Science	Ruch-Popenoe	35.5	....	38	30	
Civics	Brown-Woody	98	....	98	96.5	
English :						
Grade 9	Barrett-Ryan-Schrammel	88	71	80	84	
Grade 10	" " "	96	80	78	78	
Grade 11	" " "	103	88	86	83	
Grade 12	" " "	106	103	96	83.5	
Spanish I	Columbia Research Bureau	91	....	....	97	
Spanish II	" " "	161	....	....	124.5	

Tests were also given in Shorthand and Bookkeeping, but the content of our courses was such that reasonable comparison could not be made.

## Superintendent's Activities

The routine business of five towns keeps your Superintendent exceedingly busy. According to the present distribution of the Superintendent's time in Union #23, comprising the towns of Northfield, Bernardston, Gill, Warwick, and Leyden, he devotes 35 per cent of his time to the needs of the Northfield schools. Supervisory visits of twenty minutes or longer in the classes or in conferences with our seventeen teachers and supervisors take the major portion of this time.

It has not been found practical to establish a strict schedule of supervisory visits because of the many interruptions and emergencies that occur

in the general course of the day's work. However, it has been my practice to try and visit each teacher in her classroom at least twice a month. 164 such visits were made in 1947, many of them followed by personal conferences to discuss methods, techniques, and problems that are the necessary part of a vital and growing educational system. New teachers gain confidence and grow to be better teachers, older teachers obtain new ideas, and the superintendent, learning from both groups, is often the medium by which these new methods and techniques become a part of the school system as a whole. Without proper supervision to correlate our various personalities into a working unit, there would exist a confusion of standards in judging and marking limited only by the number of persons contributing to the work of the school as a whole. Textbook evaluation, curriculum adjustment, and educational procedures have today, in a democratic school system, become the joint responsibility of teachers, supervisors, and administrators.

I participated in fifty-eight school committee meetings during the year. Fourteen of them were with the Northfield School Committee and two with the Joint Union Committee, whose composition included the Northfield officers. Four of the five towns have building, survey, or planning committees. I attended eight such meetings. I also gave educational talks or participated in thirty-one other meetings in my various towns. During the year I attended one national, one regional, one state, and nine county conferences of school superintendents. In addition I attended seven meetings of the Special Committee on State Aid of the Massachusetts Teachers Federation, on which I have had the privilege of serving as secretary pro tem for the past year and a half. Teachers' meetings, interviews with parents, citizens, and salesmen, too numerous to record, all contributed to a busy year.

### **Repairs and Maintenance**

The decision to change the Center School burner to a lighter oil has proved to be a wise one. With the heavy oil it was necessary that the burner be kept in operation continuously day and night because of the pre-heating arrangement. However, with lighter oil night operation can be postponed until December first and discontinued about March fifteenth, reducing the oil consumption by about 5,500 gallons for the heating season. With the recent rapid increase in the price of oil the saving has been worthwhile. But the financial saving has not been the only advantage gained by the change. The simplification of the operation of the burner by greater ease in starting and stopping for any reason at all has made the change a worthwhile one. The cost of lighter oil is slightly more, but the reduced consumption produced a small net saving.

The life of steam traps and valves in the Center School is from three to five years. Since our building is now in its seventh year, replacement of these valves and traps has been necessary. Plumbing supplies have been

very scarce, and we have at the present time some knocking in the pipes which we hope to remedy just as soon as parts become available.

Other repairs made during the school year are as follows:

New grates installed in the High School boiler.

All desks were revarnished and some woodwork repainted by our janitor.

Our five pianos were repaired, demothed, and tuned.

One-way traffic signs were placed on the driveway to eliminate a potential hazard.

The walk to the High School front door should be replaced during the coming year as it is collapsing since the removal of the large maple.

### Census Report

The annual census of children in town between the ages of 5 and 16 was taken as of October 1, 1947, as required by law.

	<i>Boys</i>	<i>Girls</i>	<i>Total</i>
Between ages 5 - 7	30	27	57
Between 7 - 16	133	152	285
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Total	163	179	342

### Resident Enrollment by Schools

	<i>Boys</i>	<i>Girls</i>
Center School	106	93
High School	53	83
Greenfield Vocational	8	0
Greenfield Evening Vocational	1	0
Mount Hermon School	23	0
Northfield School for Girls	0	17
Stoneleigh-Prospect	0	1
Bement	1	0
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Totals	192	194
	<i>Total</i>	
Boys	192	
Girls	194	
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Grand Total	386	



### Enrollment by Grades, October 1, 1947

Grades	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total
Boys	21	19	12	17	23	14	18	8	5	8	7	7	159
Girls	20	5	18	15	13	22	22	20	18	6	7	10	176
	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	41	24	30	32	36	36	40	28	32	14	14	17	335

### State Aid for Transportation

Of the new laws passed by the General Court in 1947, one was of special interest to the citizens of Northfield. Chapter 679, granting about \$1,000,000 in state aid for transportation of pupils living more than one and one-half miles from school, became effective at once.

Since the percentage of pupils carried by school busses in Northfield is quite high, we received \$7,319 aid for transportation. The Town is obligated to pay \$5 per pupil times the number of pupils in net average membership. The balance is paid by the state aid fund.

The number of pupils in net average membership was 358 for the school year 1946 - 47. Accordingly, the Town must pay \$1,790 of the transportation cost (\$9,109), and the balance (\$7,319) is our reimbursement. Only pupils who live more than one and one-half miles from school can be used to compute our reimbursement.

### School Finance

When tax rates increase, citizens become more critical of expenditures for municipal services. This is as it should be and is only good business. The school department has felt the impact of sharp increases in textbooks, supplies, fuel, and services, and had it not been for a readjustment in our transportation, which produced a saving of \$700, our account would have been overdrawn. Instead we have an unexpended balance of \$377.10.

The department estimates its needs for 1948 at \$59,917, an increase of \$1,828 over the appropriation made a year ago. This percentage increase is considerably below that of most communities and was possible because of increased state aid mentioned above and by reducing transportation needs by \$1,074. The increase was necessary to meet the following increased estimates: fuel, \$700; vocational tuition, \$760; teachers' salaries, \$1,540. Purchases of textbooks, student supplies, and new equipment are to be held to the barest essentials.

Careful examination of estimated costs and receipts shows that because of our sharp increase in state aid in 1947, the net cost of schools for 1947 over the 1946 figure is only about \$4,350.

## In Conclusion

The year 1947 has been a year measured by a number of progressive changes. It is too early to know just how successful these changes will be educationally. However, the more equitable distribution of our pupils through two buildings has already produced a healthy boost to the morale of the student body and staff. It has meant adjustments for students and teachers, some of which have not been easy to make, and I am deeply appreciative for the manner in which everyone has cooperated to make the change a successful one.

I want to make special mention of the Northfield Parent-Teacher Association for its interest in our problems and its financial assistance to the lunch room and the proposed basketball equipment at the town hall. The Northfield Health Council has continued its interest and work toward a healthier generation, and I can point with pride to its accomplished aims. To all who have contributed in one way or another, large or small, to the betterment of our schools, for the parents of our pupils I want to say, thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT N. TAYLOR,

*Superintendent of Schools.*



## SCHOOL DEPARTMENT FINANCIAL REPORT

APPROPRIATION

\$58,089.00

### Expenditures

	<i>Expended 1947</i>	<i>Recommended 1948</i>
Administration:		
Supt. Robert N. Taylor, Salary	\$ 1,560.00	\$ 1,752.50
Travel	50.00	50.00
Out-of-State Travel	30.54	35.00
Union Clerk	391.65	437.50
Medical: Physician	150.00	250.00
Nurse	350.00	350.00
Teachers' Salaries	31,974.00	34,238.00
Janitors' Salaries	2,527.62	2,625.00
Supervisors' Salaries	650.00	350.00
Transportation	9,424.25	9,088.00

Supplies: Student	886.43	850.00
Domestic Science	104.39	100.00
Janitor	582.98	400.00
Textbooks	1,216.61	525.00
Tuition, Vocational	1,637.28	2,700.00
Water and Current	861.78	850.00
Fuel	2,948.87	3,636.00
Repairs and Outlay	849.23	655.00
New Equipment	1,018.41	800.00
Sundry Educational Expense	496.45	500.00
Sports Officials (H. S.)	.....	75.00
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	\$57,710.49	\$59,917.00
		<i>60,289</i>
Unexpended balance		\$ 378.51

### Net Cost of Schools in 1947

Expenditures 1947 \$57,711.99

State of Massachusetts reimbursements:

School Fund, Part I	\$ 2,665.00
School Fund, Part II	6,725.42
Vocational Tuition	849.45
Transportation	7,319.00
State Wards: Tuition and Transportation	803.57
Superintendent's Salary and Travel	676.67
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	\$19,039.11

Other receipts:

Refunds	\$ 148.00
Telephone	6.18
Town of Vernon, Vermont	100.00
Harold Gould	40.00
James Gillespie	228.00
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	\$ 522.18

Total Receipts \$19,561.29

Net Cost of Education, 1947 \$38,150.70

Net Cost of Education, 1946 33,800.73

Net Increase from Local Sources, 1947 \$ 4,349.97

Northfield's favorable position in distribution of state aid made up for most of the increases in costs of services and materials. The average percentage of state aid in Massachusetts is 9 per cent. Northfield received 34 per cent.

## Financial Report Center School Lunch Room

January - December 1947

M. CARLETON BROWN, *Treasurer*

Balance January 1, 1947	\$ 52.42
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Receipts :

Students' Lunches	\$ 4,911.21	
Adult Lunches	294.40	
Government Reimbursements	3,408.51	
P. T. A. Donation	150.00	
Total Receipts		8,764.12
Total Income		\$ 8,816.54

Disbursements :

Groceries, Milk, etc.	\$ 6,832.23	
Workers	1,640.01	
Postage, stamps, express	68.86	
Commonwealth of Massachusetts (Service Charge)	14.05	
Wilson's (Government Equipment)	11.09	
H. A. Johnson's (Government Equipment)	27.49	
Sears & Roebuck (Government Equipment)	18.90	
Total Disbursements		\$ 8,612.63
Balance on hand, December 31, 1947		\$ 203.91

Lunches Served, Student and Adult	37,591	
Milk Served	39,163	
Milk Bill Outstanding, December 31, 1947		— \$324.89

## Report of the Auditor

*To Robert N. Taylor, Superintendent of Schools :*

At your request, I have made the usual audit of the Center School Lunch Room records for the year 1947, these records kept by Miss Totman from January to September and Mr. Brown from September to December. I have gone over the records very thoroughly, and while there are several small bills missing, — I have every reason to believe the entries are correct.

Balance on hand January 1, 1947	\$ 52.42
Receipts	8,764.12
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	\$8,816.54
Disbursements	8,612.63
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Balance on hand December 31, 1947	\$ 203.91
Accounts Payable:	
Tenney Farms, Inc.	\$ 324.89

The foregoing completes my report and I want to assure you that it was a pleasure to do this work for you. I trust it will be satisfactory in every way.

Respectfully submitted,

LOUIS M. POTTS,

*Auditor.*



# Report of High School Principal



I herewith submit my first report as Principal of the Northfield High School.

## *Enrollment*

High school classes assembled on September 3, 1947. The enrollment as of October 1, 1947 was as follows:

	Boys	Girls	Total
Grade 7	18	22	40
Grade 8	8	20	28
Grade 9	5	19	24
Grade 10	8	6	14
Grade 11	7	7	14
Grade 12	7	10	17
	<hr/> 53	<hr/> 84	<hr/> 137

With the moving of grades 7 and 8 into the high school building the enrollment has doubled. The present large seventh grade does not necessarily mean a large senior class six years from now since the present senior class had an enrollment of forty-six, five years ago.

## **Organization and Program**

One of the major problems in organizing the high school under the six-year system was to give all grades a homeroom and to arrange a program to fit all classes in rooms of proper size with the proper facilities while using the main room as a study room only. It was found necessary and convenient to use one room in the Center School for several periods a day. A program was arranged which makes more efficient use of our school facilities.

It was found necessary to divide grade seven into two sections for homeroom purposes and for English and arithmetic classes. This decreases the teacher load and assures better teacher-pupil contact. Grade eight was given a homeroom by itself while grades nine through twelve are all seated in the large main room.

The eighth period of each school day is set aside as an activity period. During this period the following activities are carried on during the winter months:

Monday — Guidance or class meetings.

Tuesday — Glee Club.

Wednesday — Clubs (Press, Chefs, Nature, Hobby and Handwork).

Thursday — Visual Education.

Friday — Remedial work and make-up period.

During the fall and spring months, physical education periods are held twice a week.

Our guidance work consists of a series of lectures and question-answer periods by the members of the faculty with the individual classes. Such topics as "Courtesy", "How to Study", "Making Your School Record", "Commercial Work as a Career", and "How Habits are Formed" are being discussed.

Under the sponsorship of the Northfield Teachers' Club, two school assemblies were held this fall in the Town Hall. These programs, presented by the School Assembly Service, have been very entertaining and educational. Three more such programs are scheduled for the present school year.

### Extra-Curricular Activities

The sports program during the past year was very successful. Both the baseball team and the softball team won championships in the Border League and now have on display two beautiful gold trophies. The touch football team won four of its six Border League games but forfeited two of these wins due to the use of an ineligible player. The volleyball team with several new players did not do so well, winning only their last game. Most of our students have shown a fine competitive spirit and an attitude of team play.

With the kind permission of authorities at Mount Hermon School, Mr. McLean and I have been taking a small group of boys to the gymnasium of that school three times a week to teach them the fundamentals of basketball. A team has been organized and a few games have been arranged. It was hoped that the Town Hall might be equipped for the playing of basketball this year but, due to increased prices and the amount of work and materials necessary to equip the hall properly, it is quite evident that it will not be ready for use during this basketball season. It is hoped that another season will find Northfield High represented by fine boys' and girls' basketball teams with facilities for all students to enjoy the most popular sport in the nation.

The Glee Club has presented several fine programs during the past year. During the spring an operetta entitled "Ask the Professor" was presented to a capacity audience under the able direction of Mrs. Leonard Stebbins, music supervisor. During this fall, the Glee Club took part in the

P. T. A. "Varieties" program and gave a very creditable performance. They also did some Christmas carolling during Christmas week. The club meets each week under the capable direction of Mrs. Dorothy Billings.

The products of the Press Club have been a great improvement during the past few years due to the untiring efforts of Miss Dearstyne. The Press Club is now busily engaged in preparing its first issue of the year.

Various other clubs meet once a week during activity period. Among these is the Chefs Club, which distinguished itself last year under Mrs. Findlay's direction and is now being carried on by Miss Stimson.

### Social Activities

The social activities of any group help to add interest and provide entertainment. Among these activities are the annual Washington Trip, the Senior Play, the Senior Dance, the Junior Prom and the Christmas Party.

Eleven seniors, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Chester Parker, made the annual trip to Washington during the April vacation. This trip by the seniors each year is always the high point of their school careers. The educational value of such a trip cannot be counted in dollars and cents. The people of Northfield are to be congratulated for supporting the many school functions conducted to raise the funds necessary for such a trip.

One of the top social affairs in the town each year is the presentation of the Senior Class Play. One of the best plays for several years was presented on December 12, entitled "Young Mr. Standish". A very talented class, under the very able coaching of Miss Lawley, presented this amusing play. Proceeds benefited the Washington Trip fund.

The Northfield Teachers' Club for the second year purchased four student tickets to the Brattleboro Community Concerts. Pupils who are interested are given an opportunity to witness performances of nationally and internationally known musicians. All pupils who have attended these concerts have expressed their appreciation to the Teachers' Club for this opportunity.

A Christmas party for grades 9 through 12 was held at the Town Hall on December 22. Games and dances were enjoyed by all, followed by refreshments served at attractively decorated tables. Gifts were exchanged. Grades 7 and 8 enjoyed their Christmas party in the Center School lunch room the following afternoon.

## GRADUATION PROGRAM

Graduation exercises were conducted at the Northfield Town Hall on Friday evening, June 20, 1947 for members of the Class of 1947 of the Northfield High School.

### P R O G R A M

Processional

"Pomp and Circumstance"

*Elgar*

Invocation

Rev. Hazel R. Gredler

Hymn — "Fairest Lord Jesus"

*Traditional German*

Glee Club

"The Evolution of the Public Schools in Northfield"

Lois May Stearns

"Rose of Tralee"

*Glover*

Glee Club

"The Life of Charles Preston"

Alva Jones

"Discovery and Early Settling of Northfield"

Marilyn Mae Dresser

"A Happy Heart"

*Denza*

"When Love Is Kind"

*Old English*

Glee Club

Address

Rev. Lester P. White

Awarding of Prizes

Principal Chester R. Parker

Presentation of Diplomas

Superintendent Robert N. Taylor

Senior Class Song

*Words by Lois May Stearns*

Senior Class

Benediction

Rev. Edward S. Kuzawa

Recessional

"The Priests March"

*Mendelssohn*

## GRADUATES

### *With Honor*

Marilyn Mae Dresser  
Alva Merle Jones  
Lois May Stearns

Dorothy Mae Allen  
Edward Lewis Fortier

Lorraine June Gingras  
Shirley Mae Gould  
Robert Northrop Hubbard  
Gordon William Leavis  
Carolyn May Miller  
Viola Josephine Sytnik

Graduates of this class who are seeking further education are attending Stockbridge School of Agriculture, Northampton Commercial School, Kent's Hill, Mount Hermon, and Farren Memorial Hospital. It is gratifying to know such a large percentage of the class is seeking further knowledge.

## Financial

The following is a statement of the finances of Northfield High School of the year 1947 as reported by Mr. M. Carleton Brown, Treasurer:

### Northfield High School—School Fund

	<i>Receipts</i>	<i>Expenditures</i>	<i>Balance</i>
Class of 1948	\$1,184.97	\$ 565.16	\$ 619.81
Class of 1949	86.50	36.00	50.50
Class of 1950	53.95	2.73	51.22
Class of 1951	2.00	.....	2.00
Glee Club	237.21	.....	237.21
General Student Fund	761.72	458.58	303.14
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Totals	\$2,326.35	\$1,062.47	\$1,263.88
Check balance		\$1,238.18	
Cash on hand		25.70	
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Total		\$1,263.88	

## Looking Forward

Northfield High School can be as good a school as its students and the townspeople wish to make it. With an improved school spirit on the part of the student body and with increased support from the townspeople it can become an even better school than it is today. It has a very capable teaching staff with many excellent teaching facilities. Northfield is fortunate in having an efficient, progressive superintendent and a conscientious school committee.



Parents can aid most by cooperating with the teachers and with their children in seeing to it that pupils attend school regularly and on time except when sick and that their children are provided with wholesome study conditions at home. Townspeople can learn more about what goes on in their school system by visiting school often and consulting with the teachers and the principal on controversial school issues. The entire faculty of this school would welcome visits from parents or townspeople at any time.

A look into the future would not be complete without a statement of needed facilities and conditions. Among our greatest needs are:

1. Facilities for carrying on a physical education program during the winter months. We are one of two towns of this size in Massachusetts, who do not have such facilities. Many towns smaller than ours have such provisions.

2. Facilities for conducting assembly programs. We do not have a room large enough to seat all pupils for an assembly program at the present time.

3. An increased number of maps, reference and library books as well as library facilities.

### Conclusion

I should like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Taylor and the members of the school committee for promoting me to the principalship of this school, and for the many ways that they have assisted me in my work. I should like to thank the members of the faculty, Mrs. Hurley, and Dr. Dean who have been so cooperative during the school year. May I also express my appreciation to the many townspeople who have expressed words of encouragement and congratulations to me on my appointment to this position.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE M. LEONARD,

*Principal.*

# Report of School Physician



During September and October the children in the Center and High schools were each given a physical examination, 333 pupils being examined. In the grades each child stripped to the waist and took off shoes and stockings for examination of teeth, throat, chest, heart, spine, feet, etc. In the high school the boys stripped completely to check for hernia in addition. The parents were notified ahead of the time of examination in the first grade so that they might be present at the examination if they so desired. A plan is being worked out to have the examination of the first graders next year in June at the time of the pre-school registration period, so that the parents may be present and be informed of the defects found. In this way there will be time for the defects to be cared for before school begins in the fall.

The results of this year's examinations were very satisfactory. Though more flat feet were found, there were fewer defective teeth, evidence that a great deal of dental work had been done since last year. A summary of defects found follows:

Defective teeth	40
Flat feet	37
Poor posture	11
Diseased tonsils	8
Overweight	5

A diphtheria immunization clinic is being held in December at which 27 children, many of them first graders, are being inoculated.

I wish again to call the attention of the parents to the list of suggestions sent home early in the year; namely, to keep any child that is sick at home, that all contagious diseases must be reported to the Board of Health, and that all children must have a certificate from the school physician before returning to school after a contagious disease.

I wish to thank Mr. Taylor, Mrs. Hurley, and the teachers for their help and cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

F. WILTON DEAN, M.D.,

*School Physician.*

# Report of School Nurse



*To the Superintendent of Schools and the School Committee of  
the Town of Northfield:*

I herewith submit my third annual report as nurse of the public schools in Northfield, January 1, 1947, to January 1, 1948.

Once again this year a home nursing course was made available to the girls of the Senior High School. This course was sponsored by the Red Cross and taught by Ruth Cembalisky. I helped with the home demonstrations, of which there were five.

The pupils of both the Center and the High School were given the audiometer test with the following results:

Tested	320
Not tested because of absence	10
Retested	6
Failure	1

I am very glad to say that necessary follow-up work was done.

This fall the usual physical examinations were made by Dr. F. Wilton Dean, school physician.

## Center School:

Total number examined	197
Not examined	3
Flat feet	10
Defective teeth	32
Throat	8
Overweight	4
Poor posture	11

## High School:

Total number examined	136
7th Grade:	
Flat feet	8
Defective teeth	7
Overweight	1
8th Grade:	
Flat feet	6
Defective teeth	1

High School:

Flat feet	13
Hernial tendency	1

The condition of teeth is very much improved. However, this fall seven children were taken to a dental clinic in Greenfield. Dr. James Bolton, dentist, very generously gave his time.

The Fortnightly made it possible for me to provide toothbrushes for all children who were in need of one.

The Diphtheria Clinic was started in December with twenty-seven children inoculated. The third inoculation will be given in January.

In November of this year I joined a school nurses' discussion group.

The following is a complete summary of the work of the school nurse:

Classrooms visited for group inspection	47
Children excluded from school	39
Children readmitted to school	11
First aid given	200
Advice given	135
Transportation to doctor and dentist	49
Consultations with teachers	96
Treatment with doctor present	1
Consultation with parent in school	1
Health talks	33

Field Visits:

Health supervision	49
Communicable disease	2
Other	1

This year a new program was introduced for the pre-school child in conjunction with the well child clinic. Each child was registered for his or her entrance into school in the fall and an opportunity offered for a physical examination and a consultation with a state nutritionist. A booklet was compiled by the Superintendent, Mr. Robert N. Taylor, the Principal of the elementary school, Mr. George Leonard, the school doctor, Dr. F. Wilton Dean, and myself to acquaint the parent with school policies. We feel that this new program was very successful and already plans have been made with the school committee for a special registration next spring.

I want to thank Mr. Robert N. Taylor, Superintendent of Schools, Dr. F. Wilton Dean, and the teachers for their help and cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

NATALIE G. HURLEY,

*School Nurse.*

# Town Warrant



## COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

FRANKLIN, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Northfield in the County of Franklin.      *Greeting:*

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said town, on February 2nd, 1948, at ten o'clock in the morning, then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To hear the reports of the several Town officers and act thereon.

Article 2. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the coming year, the following to be on one ballot: Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, three Selectmen, one for three years, one for two years, one for one year. One Assessor for three years, Town Moderator for one year, two Library Trustees for three years, one Library Trustee for two years to fill vacancy, one School Committee member for three years, one Cemetery Commissioner for three years, Tree Warden for one year, Tax Collector for one year, three Constables for one year, one Constable for one year, a resident of Northfield Farms, and one member of the Planning Board for five years.

THE POLLS MAY CLOSE AT EIGHT O'CLOCK,  
P. M.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time, in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1948, and to issue a note or notes thereof, payable within one year, and to renew such note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws: any debt or debts incurred under this vote to be paid from the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1948.



Article 4. To see if the Town will empower the Selectmen to defend the Town in any suit brought against the Town, or act thereon.

Article 5 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$100 for the use of the Library at Northfield Farms, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$100.00 ✓

Article 6. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used by the Tree Warden in the care and preservation of shade trees or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$250.00 —

Article 7. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for lighting the streets, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$3,305.00 L 3247-

Article 8. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for tools for highway work, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$100.00 ✓

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elective officers of the Town as provided by Section 108 of Chapter 41, General Laws, as amended; or act thereon.

Selectmen:

Chairman of Board .....	\$300.00
Second member .....	300.00
Third member .....	300.00

Assessors:

First member .....	250.00
Second member .....	250.00
Third member and Clerk.....	750.00

Treasurer .....	600.00
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Tax Collector .....	500.00
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Town Clerk .....	400.00
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School Committee:

Chairman .....	75.00
Second member .....	75.00
Third member .....	75.00

Article 10. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate such sums of money as shall be necessary for salaries and other Town charges, or act thereon.

**The Finance Committee recommend:**

Selectmen's salary	\$ 900.	Schools	\$60,297.
Selectmen's Expense a/c	150.	Fire Department	1,700.
Assessors' salary	1,250.	Maintenance Water Holes	200.
Assessors' Expense a/c	100.	Alexander Hall	175.
Treasurer's salary	600.	Old Age Assistance	29,000.
Treasurer's Expense a/c	175.	Aid to Dependent Children	5,700.
Tax Collector's salary	500.	Dept. Public Welfare	4,500.
Tax Collector's Expense a/c	185.	Soldiers' Relief	1,500.
Town Clerk's salary	400.	Road Machinery Fund	2,000.
Town Clerk's Expense a/c	80.	(Transfer from Machinery Acct.)	
School Committee salary	225.	Bridges	1,000.
Town Accountant's salary	700.	Election and Registrations	800.
Town Accountant's Exp. a/c	50.	Fire and Casualty Ins.	1,300.
Sealer Weights and Measures	125.	Interest Account	300.
Sealer's Expense a/c	25.	Town Hall Care	3,500.
Public Welfare Clerk	150.	Moderator and Counsel	250.
Inspection of Animals	150.	Bonds and Damages	400.
Dog Officer and Expense	75.	Town Clock and Fountain	150.
Inspection of Meat and		Town Reports	600.
Slaughtering	200.	Snow Removal	6,000.
Public Health	500.	Public Safety	50.

Article 11. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,600.00 for the care and maintenance of the Dickinson Memorial Library, this amount to include the fines collected at the Library during the year and the Dog Tax, or act thereon.

**The Finance Committee recommend \$3,600.00.**

Article 12. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used in the extermination of the Gypsy Moth, or act thereon.

**The Finance Committee recommend \$850.00**

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to pay note due on the new Grade School building debt or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

**The Finance Committee recommend \$4,500.00**

Article 14. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$700.00 to replace the worn draw curtain and install new back curtains on the stage at the Town Hall, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommend \$700.00

Article 15. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,200.00 to refinish the chairs in the auditorium of the Town Hall, the dining room tables and any other furniture which may need such attention, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee do not recommend at this time.

Article 16. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the salary of a Public Health Nurse, and Substitute Nurse, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$2,050.00 ✓

Article 17. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the Public Health Nurse's expense account, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$50.00 ✓

Article 18. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the expense of the Public Health Nurse's car, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$350.00 ✓

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$265.00 to purchase a check writer for the use of the Town Treasurer, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$100.00 for non-electric ✓  
checkwriter.

Article 20. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the care and preservation of cemeteries, or take any vote in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommend \$1,075.00 ✓

Article 21. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to enter into contract with the Board of Public Works, Division of Highways, for repair and improvement of roads and highways exclusive of state highways, and raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated, available funds in the treasury a sum of money for Chapter 81 Highways, or take any action in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommend to raise and appropriate \$4,875.00 and to transfer \$14,625.00 from Surplus Revenue. ✓

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highway construction, or take any action in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommend to raise and appropriate \$1,000.00 and to transfer \$3,000.00 from Surplus Revenue. ✓

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury a sum of money for Chapter 90 maintenance or take any action in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommend to raise and appropriate \$500.00, and to transfer \$1,000.00 from Surplus Revenue. ✓

Article 24. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used in putting up railing, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$400.00 ✓

Article 25. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for Memorial Day exercises, the same to be expended under the direction of the American Legion, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$175.00 ✓

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$65.00 from the Cemetery Lot Fund to be used in oiling the road in Center Cemetery, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$65.00 ✓



Article 27. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to repair sidewalks, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$100.00 ✓

Article 28. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for Constables' pay, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto. *Expense*

The Finance Committee recommend \$350.00 ✓

Article 29. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to appoint one of their members as Clerk for the Aid to Dependent Children and Old Age Assistance, and that the salary be \$300.00 in accordance with Section 4A Chapter 41, General Laws, and raise and appropriate money for same.

The Finance Committee recommend \$300.00 ✓

Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 to be used in the purchase of fish to be liberated in the Town of Northfield under the supervision of the Selectmen, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$200.00 ✓

Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum or sums of money in addition to the appropriation included under Article 10 for the purpose of increasing the fire insurance on Town buildings.

The Finance Committee recommend \$1,200.00 1500

Article 32. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 for the purpose of constructing a new cement sidewalk on the east side of Main Street, continuing northward from the 1947 construction, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$1,000.00 ✓

Article 33. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for hydrant service for fifteen hydrants to be paid to the Northfield Water Co. for water supplying the hydrants for fire protection, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$400.00 ✓



Article 34. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used for surfacing a portion of the road to West Northfield Cemetery, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommend the transfer of \$300.00 from the Cemetery Lot Fund.

Article 35. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Machinery Account to be used in trading for a new Town truck and the purchase of snow plows, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommend the transfer of \$3,400.00 from the Machinery Account.

Article 36. To see if the Town will vote to appoint a Park Commissioner to have charge of the athletic field and playgrounds in the Town to serve one year, and to see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$200.00 for the care of the athletic field, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$200.00.

Article 37. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$60.00 to purchase materials to paint the exterior of the former school house at District No. 3, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommend \$60.00

Article 38. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to meet foreclosure costs on tax titles, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$200.00.

Article 39. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for a reserve fund for the current year, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend the transfer of \$2,000.00 from Overlay Reserve.

Article 40. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$42.00 to erect and maintain two street

lights on Birnam Road between Warwick Avenue and the bridge over Mill Brook, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$21.00 for one light. ✓

Article 41. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to erect and maintain two street lights, one at the intersection of the old Northfield Farms Road and Ferry Road and the other at the intersection of Ferry Road and River Road, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$21.00 for one light. ✓

Article 42. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used in making necessary repairs on discontinued school buildings, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$100.00 ✓

Article 43. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from Surplus Revenue to reduce the tax rate, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$18,000.00. ✓

Article 44. To see if the Town will authorize or empower the Selectmen to appoint a trustee of the Martha W. Alexander Fund to take the place of the late Charles L. Gilbert, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 45. To see if the Town will vote to accept from the American Youth Hostels, Inc., the sum of \$22.80, the same to be added by the Assessors to estimated receipts and available funds when setting the tax rate, or act thereon. ✓

Article 46. To hear the report of the committee to investigate plans for a new fire house, and take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 47. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the use of the Fire House Committee to further investigate sites and plans for a new fire house, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommend \$100.00 ✓

Article 48. To hear the report of the Selectmen in regard to plans for a Town garage, and take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 49. To see if the Town will vote to accept the sum of \$150.00 from Miss Caroline B. Lane as a trust fund, the interest thereof to be used for perpetual care of lot No. 215 in West Northfield Cemetery. C

Article 50. To see if the Town will vote to accept the sum of \$100.00 from Mrs. Anna Bell McMillan as a trust fund, the interest thereof to be used for perpetual care of lot No. 12 1/2 in Mount Hermon Cemetery. C

Article 51. To see if the Town will vote to accept the sum of \$200.00, the legacy bequeathed by S.E.K. Priest as a trust fund, the interest thereof to be used for the perpetual care of S.E.K. Priest's part of the burial lot in the West Northfield Cemetery. Also \$19.85 accumulated interest, to be used for care of S.E. K. Priest's part of this lot. C

Article 52. To see if the Town will vote to accept the sum of \$100.00 from William G. Slate as a trust fund, the interest thereof to be used for perpetual care of lot No. 122 in Northfield Farms Cemetery. C

Article 53. To see if the Town will vote to accept the sum of \$200.00 from Charles T. Sibley as a trust fund, the interest thereof to be used for perpetual care of lot No. 36 in Mount Hermon Cemetery. C

Article 54. To see if the Town will vote to accept the sum of \$100.00 from Maximilla S. Hachita as a trust fund, the interest thereof to be used for perpetual care of lot No. 9 in Center Cemetery. C

Article 55. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 to secure preliminary plans for the proposed Memorial Gymnasium and Auditorium, the same to be expended under the direction of the World War Memorial Community School Building Plans Committee.

The Finance Committee recommend \$100.00 300,

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies at the Post Offices in Northfield, East Northfield, West Northfield, at the School House in District No. 6, and the Tenney Farms Filling Station at Northfield Farms, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting, as foresaid.

Given under our hands this 15th day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and forty-eight.

ERNEST A. PARKER,  
GEORGE W. CARR,  
GEORGE H. SHELDON,  
*Selectmen of Northfield.*

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